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## HORIZONS—FAR AND NEAR

You whose hearts possess a dream
You whose vision still is true,
Will you follow still the gleam?
Will you build the world anew?

Futile is the reign of hate,
Fated is the rule of gold;
On your deeds great issues wait,
Let your hearts with love be bold.

Vain are all the tools of war,
Vain the boastings of success;
These the dreams you battle for;
Faith and truth and righteousness.

Let who will despise your youth,
Let them trail your words in dust;
You shall conquer, with the truth;
In your visions be the trust.

Who whose hearts possess a dream,
God is God; his word is true;
Follow still the luring gleam
Till the world is built anew.

—*Thomas Curtis Clark*

# *And Now Abideth . . . . Hope**

By E. E. ELDER, Cairo, Egypt

The theme of the coming conference of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, during August, 1954, is "The Christian Hope." In 1951 the Study Commission of the Council started an inquiry into the Biblical basis for hope and two conferences were held, one in Zetten, Holland, and the other at Drew University, U.S.A. The preliminary reports issuing from these conferences were published more than a year ago and have been widely circulated. Other exhaustive studies of the subject have appeared in religious periodicals.

It is recognized by practically all Bible students that the hope of the Christian Church is not confined to an other-worldly interpretation nor restricted to a social and political program that foresees a progressive transformation of the present order dominated by sinful men. There is a leavening of society as well as the individual's hope of eternal life, but the Christian hope while it includes these in a sense transcends them.

Though the Scriptures of the Old Testament vividly reflect the life and worship of ancient Israel they have throughout a forward look. Almost half of the Hebrew Bible is concerned with "prophecy." The historical account of judges and kings is designated books of the former prophets. For Christians the whole of the Old Testament is in a framework of the future. To us its outstanding value is in its preparation for the coming Messiah, the revelation of God's power and love to save sinners.

With the fulfilment of Messianic prophecy in the person of Jesus Christ as recorded in the New Testament, hope is centered in Him.

Jesus often spoke of his generation as woefully lacking in faith. " 'Where is your faith?' 'Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?' 'O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you?.' " Yet he never accused people of his time of hopelessness. A nation whose one question to every teacher was "Art Thou he that cometh or look we for another?" could not be described as hopeless. Yet the ground for this hope was often false. Like them we may think it rests on a display of invincible power, or through a diffusion of all pervading wisdom. We may wish for the elimination of suffering or the removal of insecurity. But Christian hope does not promise even to the saints freedom from suffering and insecurity. Nevertheless because of the triumph of Christ, His victory over death, we have hope both in this world and the next.

One thought may help us to understand more clearly our Christian hope. It is not only in the famous passage of I Corinthians Thirteen that hope is joined with faith and love. In I Thessalonians 1:3 and Colossians 1:4-5 and elsewhere the three appear as inextricably linked together. Someone has pointed out the intimate inseparable relation of the three in Paul's mind by noting that the three nouns in I Corinthians Thirteen are the subject of a verb in the singular number.

We often think of faith as facing the past since it is founded on revelation, history and experience. But what faith is vital and substantial that does not manifest in the present a love for God and fellowmen and does not gloriously hope for the future. So love deprived of faith is volatile and superficial, and without hope becomes bitter with cynicism.

Hope abides because it is but one facet of our Christian inspiration and life. It abides because it is inseparable from our faith in a God of Love, revealed in Jesus Christ.

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## Christ For The World
## WORSHIP SERVICE

By MRS. VIRGIL M. COSBY, Cleveland, Ohio

### CHRIST, THE FRIEND

*Song-of-the-Month*: SCW 271. "We've a Story to Tell."

*Scripture*: Joel 2:28; Rev. 3:8.

*Meditation*: When Abraham Lincoln was a young man, it was said that he had nothing except plenty of friends. To have plenty of friends, if they are the right kind, is to possess true riches. One who has true friends will find life worth living, no matter what happens.

Cicero has well said, "Friendship is the only thing in the world concerning the usefulness of which all mankind are agreed." Friendship seems as necessary an element of a comfortable existence in this world as fire or water, or even air itself.

One of the finest and noblest examples of friendship was the relationship of Jonathan and David (I Sam. 18:1). Another classic friendship was that of Damon and Pythias. And we could name many more.

He, who would be happy here, must have friends, and he, who would be happy hereafter, must know Christ as his friend. In Proverbs 18:24 Solomon declares, "There are friends who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." This friend is Jesus Christ.

"I've found a Friend, oh, such a Friend!
He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus He bound me to Him.
And round my heart still closely twine
Those ties which naught can sever,
For I am His, and He is mine,
Forever and forever."

The personality of Jesus attracted friends and is continuing to do so today. He has given us a few simple rules to follow. A poor way to win friends is to try to impress them. Jesus never tried to impress anyone. His advice is found in Luke 14:7-11. Christ was always interested in others. "Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep." He rejoiced at the wedding at Cana and He wept with Mary and Martha when told of Lazarus' death. To be a true friend one must be sincere and genuine. Christ was a friend to the friendless and the despised — the woman of Samaria, Zaccheus, Matthew. He is our true friend and "all the world to us."

"He is my strength from day to day,
Without Him I would fall.
When I am sad He makes me glad,
He's my friend."

Do we prove our loyalty and love to Christ, our Friend, by the manner in which we live before others or do we sing without meaning:

"What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!"

Truly He is a Friend who is closer than a brother. He says, "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

There are open doors throughout the world where we can enter as friends of Christ. He wants us to carry good-will and love, but above all He wants us to present Him as the Friend of all—the Friend who can meet their every need. He says, "Go and lo, I am with you always."

*Closing Prayer.*

*Theme Song*: "Christ for the World."

Memory Dreams

# MEMORY'S GALLERY

By MRS. J. G. CAMPBELL, Grove City, Pa., Retired Missionary, Pakistan-India

FORTY-YEARS' accumulation has stored Memory's Gallery with many precious pictures—pictures of people, things and events—all parts of the life in the Pakistan-India mission field.

Earliest of these pictures is of a special effort to teach and prepare for church membership the hundreds and hundreds of men and women from the Chura caste who were eager to become Christians. Intensive programs were carried out by missionaries and national leaders in homes and wherever the people were. Natthu Mal, a tireless worker and devoted Christian, taught men whose ceaseless work was to drive the buffaloes at the Persian wells round and round the well sweep. The seat was large enough for the driver only, so Natthu walked around and around teaching the essentials of the Christian life. At the end of this effort more than one thousand were added to the church.

Another picture is of a memorable meeting in Gujranwala when it was agreed that in order to establish a self-supporting church no more hired workers should be employed and that all emphasis be placed on training men to become self-supporting pastors of all congregations. These men, venturing out in faith, looking only to their own people for the supplying of their needs, were real "heroes of faith." Today there are many more than a hundred such men in village congregations.

A whole wall panel is filled with our life in camp. When the weather was cool enough our camping equipment was loaded on camel or on ox-carts and we went to camp.

The first trek was often hectic. The camels threw their loads; the kerosene oil and the flour bag, in spite of careful instruction, were often loaded together; the legs of camp cots were broken by overhanging trees; the box of cooking pots and pans was left behind by the camel men who could not find a suitable place to load it.

When the site for the camp was reached great crowds of people, including many children, gathered to see the show. The great interest to people was our children who were soon surrounded by playmates, eager for hopscotch, shinney, ball, or any play that came to mind.

**Moving Day in Camp has its thrills and its worries**

When the tents were pitched, fuel found, arrangements made for milk, we settled into "our home for a week." The camp was a very hive of activity. Visits must be paid to the local V.I.P's. Calls must be made upon any who were ill; the local school visited. The medicine tent was thronged by those who needed drops in their eyes, ointment for itch, castor oil for babies, quinine for malaria, and other simple remedies! Portions of Scripture were sold to school children and any who could read. Plans for the best use of the precious week were made—one night meetings in homes, for visits to the more distant parts of the congregation and meetings with non-Christian groups.

The men who came were met in the missionary study tent, but the women thronged the living quarters and talked as women do everywhere —about home, children, sickness and difficulties, then listened to the message we had come to bring.

Following the week of preparation came the Sabbath communion service. People came in village groups, leading and carrying children and babies, singing to the accompaniment of drums that beautiful Psalm,

"I was glad when they said unto me
Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Almost every season there were times of difficulty in camp — too much rain, leaking tents, a flood in the river which had to be forded before the haven of the house could be reached, but these are but the shaded areas of the picture which emphasize the bright parts.

This next picture is of a group of eager-faced village women huddled under the lee of a mud wall on a crisp, bright Christmas morning, gazing upon the sun-bathed, snow-clad mountains before them in the distance. The 121st Psalm

"To the hills I lift my eyes
Whence for me shall help arise?"

had a special meaning when the ever-new, old story of the birth of Christ our Saviour was told. Never had the story seemed so real and vital. The loving Father was very near that morning.

Pictures of people are many.

Old Elder Piru, unable to read but with a marvelous treasure of Bible stories he could tell, standing straight and fearless as he led a group in prayer right into the presence of God.

Maulvie Khuda Bakhsh, a Moslem convert, a fearless preacher of the Gospel.

Munshi Kakku Mall, our school inspector and helper to the whole Christian community.

A picture of a nameless village woman so impressed with the fact that she was a co-partner in bringing the world to Christ that she borrowed from a money lender at an exorbitant rate of interest that which she wanted to give.

In this corner are the pictures of those who as converts from other religions left all to follow Christ.

Here is Gopal Singh who learned from his father's workman, a simple man who knew his Lord, that Christ was the Way and the Life. He had many difficulties to overcome, he was imprisoned by his brothers in an effort to keep him from taking the step which would be as though he were dead. In a miraculous way he was able to escape them. He came to Pasrur, and before receiving baptism fearlessly had his hair and beard cut, thus telling the world that he was no longer a Sikh. He became one of the splendid village pastors.

These two are Kolar Singh and Harbans Singh, landed Sikh farmers, who lost lands and all to become followers of Christ.

Some sad faces appear in the gallery too. Men who seemed so promising and eager, yet like the rich young ruler went away sadly.

What a splendid group these represent and who can measure the influence they exerted upon neighbors, and strangers, too!

These are only a few of the pictures that hang in my Memory Gallery!

Memory Dreams

# PRAYERS ANSWERED

By ELSIE E. GROVE, Poughkeepsie, New York, Retired Missionary, North Sudan

POSSIBLY no one has more dreams than the young missionary just arrived in her chosen field—a strange land, a strange people with a strange tongue—yes, the people to whom she has come to tell "The Greatest Story Ever Told"—and the only way she can communicate with them is through an interpreter. Naturally her first dreams are of the day when language barriers are down and she can tell them her story.

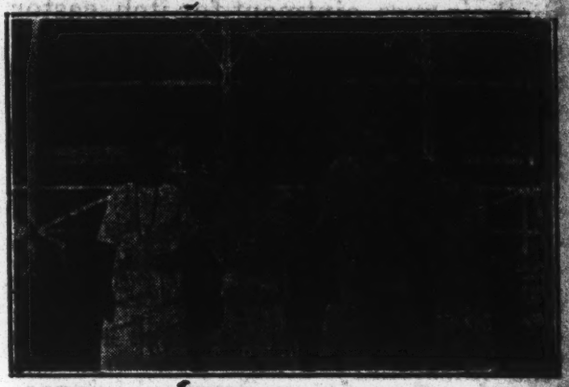
While getting the language she is gaining more and more friends among the people and there are new dreams for each one of these, as well as dreams as to how she can help make her dreams for them come true. So the dreams go on like an ever-widening stream.

Then with some knowledge of the language she is given an assignment, her work in a school, perhaps, and she dreams more new dreams—dreams of the place that school may take in the community, in the church, in the evangelization of the people. There are dreams of the influence as young homemakers go out into distant places and carry Christ with them into homes all over the Sudan; of girls returning to their homes to carry Christ with them.

Early she dreamed of the day when her own girls would take the place of teachers who had been brought in from outside the country. A happy day it was when that was realized.

There were dreams of our girls going out to take positions of honor and trust. So quickly was this fulfilled that we were almost frightened to see them take places as clerks, telephone girls, secretaries, nurses, midwives and even doctors.

There were dreams of other schools being opened into which we would send out girls as teachers, and they sprang up. And our girls have gone out into schools under other management and taught. With special training they have gone into homes in all of the larger cities of the Sudan



Dreams are fulfilled as pupil teachers in turn teach others

to teach women and older girls to read and write and to teach them the Bible.

There are homemakers all over the Sudan and even in other countries whose homes are better because of those dreams and their fulfilment. Some few homemakers after their children were raised and home duties less binding have given volunteer service in teaching in the homes. Yet more of these offering their help will yet fulfill other dreams.

From time to time the school was asked to take and care for homeless waifs and tiny babies. This necessitated keeping school open the year round and the presence of some missionary or missionaries during the summer vacation. Attempt was made to interest some church members in the care of such children but many years were to pass before we were to see the fulfilment of our dreams in the founding of a Children's Home. Last year saw the opening of this Home about which you have been reading lately in our Magazine and church papers.

One of the great thrills in the opening of this Home is the fulfilment

not only of our dream for a place for these children but the realization of one for one of our own girls—that she might hold a place of usefulness, respect and influence in the Kingdom, yes, it is our own Elizabeth who heads and manages this Home—*a real homemaker.*

Perhaps my fondest dream was for the Church in the Sudan. Services conducted in the chapel of the Girls' School in Khartoum North by missionary or Egyptian Christian for our school population was the beginging of our church in Khartoum North. Other Christians in the town came in to join us in our worship services, and finally a congregation was organized and a pastor called. The pastor's salary was paid almost entirely by the mission. Then came the depression and retrenchment, and no pastor. This at a time when we were dreaming of an evangelistic church reaching out for others, working together to become a self-supporting, self-propagating and self-determining church. We began working toward that end in our own congregation.

A forum on "What It Means to Be a Christian" was conducted for some time, resulting in changed attitudes toward the church and the duties of its members in church and community. Sometime later a pastor was called and the congregation not only paid his salary but paid also toward the salary of a colporteur for a time. So this church has gone on with its ups and downs, meeting in the chapel until the people could finally provide their own church building.

As this church has grown so have the others in the Presbytery. They are reaching out, taking an interest in community affairs, running schools on their own and to our delight are having a part in financing the Wad Medani Girls' School so recently taken over by our workers, as well as the Children's Home in Khartoum North with some of the Church women taking a real interest in the Home, sewing and doing what they can to help.

So we go on dreaming and praying as more and more of our dreams are fulfilled. We dream great things for our church in the Sudan.

Pupils of days gone by in the School at Khartoum North

Memory Dreams

# THESE ALSO SERVE

By MILO C. McFEETERS, New Wilmington, Pa., Retired Missionary, Egypt

THE *Place*: Assiut College campus. The *Time*: A quarter century ago when excitement was running high in Egypt and some politicians were encouraging student strikes and demonstrations.

The campus was invaded by hundreds of students from a neighboring school intent upon compelling the college students to join in a street demonstration. Soon sticks and stones were flying, and shrubbery and young trees were being broken down to make clubs. The window shutters were hastily closed.

Suddenly from behind the main building dashed a determined band of men and boys—about twenty-five in number—each armed with his naboot (heavy walking stick). Faced by this on-rushing phalanx, the mob broke, ran, scattered and melted away. Who were these self-appointed defenders? None other than the college workmen—the gardeners, janitors, cooks and table waiters — Christians and non-Christians. It was their garden that was being destroyed; trees of their planting that were being broken; their College that was being attacked.

Mohammed Aly, the Elder, was doubtless one of those warriors. Engineer in charge of college irrigation since 1909, he also did plumbing and heavy repairs. Eager to get things done, in his younger days he habitually ran to his different jobs. Most amusing it was to see his legs begin to pump up and down while Mr. Hoyman was still giving him his instructions.

Matta, another veteran since 1909, is still lively even after cooking about four million student meals. Upon special occasions, such as, an Alumni or Synod dinner, Dr. Thompson would ask Matta and Mahmud, the head waiter, "Is this possible in addition to the regular student meals?"

Instantly would come the answer, "Possible? Everything is possible."

Mohammed Aly, the Younger, cares for Science Hall with its thousands of pieces of apparatus. Nothing is ever missing or out of place. Like many a teacher or student taught by Dr. Hickman, Mohammed grew both in character and usefulness.

Once a visiting Swiss professor, specializing in intelligence tests, gave one to Mohammed. He rated as a moron. Dr. Hickman's only comment: "Then give us more morons!"

"You ought to fire that new tennis boy," urged one of the teachers.

But how very fortunate that we did not fire Sadeek! Through the years he has risen from garden helper to positions of ever greater responsibility. Always cheerful, loyal and energetic, Sadeek is equally efficient handling crowds at athletic games, dealing with Government rationing officials, or purchasing supplies for the College. He is also a loyal Evangelical (U.P.)

Mohammed Abdel Haleem, caretaker of the Fords and Fordson, is the college "fixer." Whether the broken machine is the stapler in the office, a sewing machine, or a galvanometer in the laboratory, the remedy is always the same—call Mohammed Abdel Haleem. In asking to take a Ford Company course for mechanics, he said, "I am not wanting another job; I want only to do my work better, for I am a son of the College."

Zaky was always endeavoring to better his past records in hatching and raising the chicks. He kept the trap-nest records and assisted in culling the flock. Once I remarked upon Zaky's slight build in contrast to his very large brother. "True," he responded. "If I were a chicken, I would surely be for sale."

One planting season Mohammed Abdel Haleem broke a leg. What were

Ayad is extremely proud of Mazooza, a seven-eighths Jersey that produced 13,648 pounds of milk in ten months

we to do? Stating that he had ridden some with Mohammed, Zaky volunteered to operate the tractor. When offered the regular fee per acre for plowing, he said, "No, give it to Mohammed."

"But the College is already paying Mohammed his regular wages and all his hospital expenses."

"Never mind," insisted Zaky. "Give this to Mohammed too."

Finally he was persuaded to compromise on half to each. In keeping the records Zaky learned the English figures and letters. This helped him to pass an examination and become a postal carrier. But for years he called several times each season to coach the new boys in operating the incubators and brooders.

Ayad early learned and constantly practices one of the great secrets of success and happiness—to love his work and the things he works with. We came to trust and depend upon his loyalty and intelligence for much of the detailed management of the Jerseys. When showing our finest animals to visitors, let Ayad come anywhere into view, instantly all bovine eyes and ears were turned away from us and fondly fixed upon him. No small part of the credit for the remarkably high production records is due to his skillful and gentle handling. Another faithful Evangelical, Ayad loyally supports his church.

Space is lacking to tell of Hilmy, the carpenter, who, when extra work was needed in preparation for an Agricultural Exhibition, worked late at night without our knowledge and returned at five-thirty next morning to finish the job; of Malik, Fadil, Mahmud Hussein and others of these loyal friends and indispensable fellow-workers.

## BUILDING

*"We would be building; temples still undone*
*O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift;*
*Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,*
*And hearts creative bridge the human rift;*
*We would be building, Master, let Thy plan*
*Reveal the life that God would give to man.*

*Teach us to build; upon the solid rock*
*We set the dream that hardens into deed,*
*Ribbed with the steel that time and change doth mock,*
*The unfailing purpose of our noblest creed;*
*Teach us to build; O Moster, lend us sight*
*To see the towers gleaming in the light.*

*O keep us building, Master, may our hands*
*Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,*
*When to our ears there come divine commands*
*And all the pride of sinful-will departs;*
*We build with Thee, O grant enduring worth*
*Until the heavenly Kingdom comes on earth."*

—*P. E. Deitz*

Memory Dreams

# THOSE FIRST YEARS

By RUTH C. BEATTY, R. N., Gorei Ethiopia

WHAT a privilege to be a new missionary! There are many interesting things to see and learn. New missionaries desire to be of real service and to bring the message of salvation to those who have never heard of the Saviour. They believe they are in the place God wishes them to be. At first it is hard when they do not understand or cannot be understood because of language barriers.

When I first came to Ethiopia, Dumbi Dollo was our only mission station, opened one year before. Dr. Lambie had come down to Gambeila to meet us when the Fred Russells and I arrived on the river steamer. He had brought mules for us to ride and carriers for our luggage, for the two days' travel to Dumbi Dollo. The second day we rode up and down hill through a drizzling rain. When we would arrive at the top of a hill we would ask, "Is that the Mission hill?" How happy we were when Dr. Lambie said, "There it is." How good to be near our new home and what a wonderful welcome we received!

Almost every day there was something new. On the second day the doctor and I went out into the country to see a patient. A poor girl lay not far from the path we traveled. Her mind was entirely gone. We brought her back to the Mission and cared for her as long as was necessary.

Every night on a hill not far from the Mission we could hear the beating of the witch doctor's drums. I remember two of his patients especially, who came to our clinic for treatment. One had had an opening made into the brain near his temple, the other back of his ear to let out the evil spirit. After a few years this witch doctor saw his mistake and before he died he called his children to his bedside and told them he did not want any of them to do as he had done. Today at least some of his children are Christians and none of them are witch doctors.

On our visits to the homes we saw how the people lived, usually in a one-room house. Often there were no beds. Sheep or goat skins covered the ground where the family slept. At night the cow or two, sheep or goats, donkey, and chickens were brought into the house to protect them from the wild animals or from being stolen. There were no windows for ventilation.

The little children wore no clothes even though the mornings were quite cool. Many of them had large abdomens and skinny arms and legs. Round worm was a common ailment among the children and even some of the grown ups. The reason could be understood when we saw their homes—mud floors over which the children crept on their hands and knees and then put their hands into the mouth.

Seldom did we see a large family. The children had died either at birth or soon after, due to diseased parents or improper care and feeding. One of our first visions was to try to teach the parents how to live better. Cleanliness was one of the first things we tried to teach them, not easy for many have had to carry their water up steep hills in large earthen pots strapped to their backs. In some places during the dry season the water is a long distance away. Also many had only one dress or suit of clothes.

A baby clinic seemed to be one of the solutions to help the mothers to better care for their children. First they would receive a Bible lesson, then a health talk. The mothers would be shown how to prepare wholesome inexpensive food, instead of corn and pepper sauce such as

the adults ate. This dream has been realized at Dumbi Dollo and Gorei. There is still much to be done for the mothers and children, but progress has been made.

Every Saturday morning the beggars came down the hill to a place near the clinic. Here they would sit on the grass and wait until someone came to talk to them. They came especially for the little coin which they received, but were attentive to the message. Among these beggars was a blind one who was led at the end of a stick by his brother. This special beggar was none other than the man who is now our capable and much-loved Keis Gidada. He was the first one to be taught; soon he was teaching others.

Six months after we three new missionaries arrived in Ethiopia, we were left alone at Dumbi Dollo. Our helpful fellow missionaries, the Lambies had gone to Addis Ababa and later to America. How could three new people with meager knowledge of the language be of much service to the people we had come to help? Our interpreter was a non-Christian. We were not sure he was telling all we wanted him to say at the clinic and other services. To our joy when the first invitation was given to those who wished to give their hearts to Christ, thirty-four said they wanted to accept Christ as their Saviour.

Today as I go back to Dumbi Dollo to visit and see the many who come

--Ethiopian Children--

to the church on the Mission compound, I think of those first years when our meeting place was in the end of the same building in which the cattle were kept. My heart is filled with gratitude and praise for all who worship the only living and true God. That little handful of thirty-four has increased until there are more than ten thousand who love the Lord. God has richly blessed and is still blessing His work not only in Dumbi Dollo but also in the other places we have been privileged to serve Him.

## PRAYER CYCLE – JUNE STUDY PROGRAM

### First and Fifteenth Days

Give thanks that eight Ethiopian churches which were closed for three years have been allowed to open again. Pray that their witness may be stronger than ever.

Due to the shortage of missionary personnel it will be necessary to close the Gorei station in Ethiopia temporarily. Pray earnestly and continually that God will bring forth those whom He would have to serve Him in this, one of our pioneer stations.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and instruct the native Christians who have leadership ability that they may be enabled to take over many more responsibilities in the Church and other mission institutions.

Thank God for the effective use that is being made of newer methods of teaching in this ancient land. Pray that God may direct the use of audio-visual aids and bless the messages brought through them to primitive people in remote areas.

*Mrs. Walter C. Brethauer*, Prayer Group Secretary

# THESE THINGS I REMEMBER ABOUT MY HUSBAND

By MRS. W. G. WILSON, Knoxville, Tennessee

The name of W. G. Wilson will long live in the minds and hearts of the people in Camden, Alabama, Wilcox County.

If people in Heaven know what is going on on earth, his heart would rejoice to know that the Magazine Staff of his beloved United Presbyterian Church had honored him by publishing some of his poems in *Missionary Horizons* and has now given space in this largely circulated and widely read magazine to pay tribute to his memory with this article.

He was born in Blue Stone, Virginia, attended the Blue Stone Mission, and after graduation he furthered his education in Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. After he was graduated the United Presbyterian Board sent him to be pastor and principal of Blue Stone Mission where he served faithfully until he was appointed as pastor and principal of our United Presbyterian Church and School at Camden, Alabama.

It was during the years as pastor and principal at Blue Stone that he received his inspiration for writing his earlier poems.

Because of his contact with the humble people of that community, in church, in school and in their cabins, his heart was moved to write those dialect poems.

I have heard him say that often after visiting in their homes and hearing them relate their trials and struggles the inspiration came spontaneously and he would write several poems at one time.

He saw the funny side of things and was extremely humorous.

His poem entitled, "Close to Our Hearts Dear Old K.C." is known as the College Hymn at Knoxville College. It is used as the theme song of our college choir and is broadcast each Sabbath morning at 9:15 A.M. over Station WNOX. Prof. Newell Coleridge Fitzpatrick, director of the music department at Knoxville College wrote the music.

My husband was called by our beloved United Presbyterian Church, Negro Poet-Preacher of U.P. Church.

After taking the work as pastor and principal of our work at Camden, Ala., he had almost the same type and condition of people to deal with and hence his later poems were not too different from those written in Blue Stone, Virginia.

Our relationship as husband and wife was most pleasant. We worked side by side in the church, in the school and in the community.

For more than twenty years we gave the best years of our lives in service for the people at Camden Academy, Camden, Alabama.

Our vacations in the summer were lovely trips to visit our relatives and friends; we usually motored and we were able to take our entire family which consisted of three boys, William Garrett Wilson, Jr., Edwin Algernon Wilson, Herbert Maurice Wilson; two girls, Orie Ardelle Wilson and Marguerite Anetta Wilson.

His poem, "A Little Bit O' Honey" was written just before the birth of our baby and was dedicated to her. "A Little Bit O' Honey" was set to music by the famous Carrie Jacobs Bond and was the best seller the summer of 1920 in Mobile, Ala., Pensacola, Fla., and other southern cities.

His birthday and mine were both in February, his was February 28th and mine February 7th. For this occasion we celebrated the 14th. We usually had a birthday party, invited the members of the [illegible] and a few close friends. At this time he would read a poem written especially for the party.

"Green grows the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days,
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise."

# MEMORY POEMS

By W. G. WILSON, the Negro Poet-Preacher of the U.P. Church

## IF I COULD MAKE MY DREAMS COME TRUE

If I could make my dreams come true;
  Could see my castles rise,
And rear aloft their stately domes
  In splendor to the skies;
What wondrous things I'd bring to pass,
  What great deeds I would do,
If through some power I possessed,
  I could make my dreams come true.

If I could only make my dreams—
  My fairest dreams come true,
This world would be a better place
  For me, friend, and for you;
For righteousness would rule the earth,
  And sinful deeds be few,
Had I the power that could make
  My waking dreams come true.

No more in fetters strong as steel
  Would superstition bind,
Nor hold enthralled and stupefied
  The untaught human mind.
The ancient tyrant, Ignorance
  And all his retinue,
Would be dethroned if only I
  Could make my dreams come true.

Yes, I have had my waking dreams
  Of things that yet may be;
Of blessings that will one day come,
  Which I may never see.
And prejudice, and wrong, and fear
  And hate, and bloodshed, too,
Would all be banished from the earth,
  Could I make my dreams come true.

## "AS THY DAYS"

Could I have seen the steep, rough road
  Adown the flight of years,
The rugged heights o'er which I've come,
  The unavailing tears;

Could I have heard the sad farewells,
  And seen my hopes decay,
My halting feet would have refused
  To tread the saddened way.

But he who marks the sparrow's fall,
  The future hid from me;
"Just as thy days," His promise reads,
  E'en so "Thy strength shall be."

And as the way has harder grown,
  And fiercer waxed the strife,
He gave me strength to labor on
  And face the tasks of life.

No night e'er came so cold and dark,
  No sorrow yet so drear,
But Hope's bright star has led me on,
  While Faith bade, "never fear."

## A PRAYER

Give courage, Lord, when dark the night,
  And tempests fierce arise;
When roads are rough, and foes assail,
  And clouds obscure the skies.

Grant to me strength of brain and arm,
  And courage for my task;
A will to labor humbly on,
  Just this, is all I ask.

And when the shades of evening fall
  Across the darkening way,
Let me forget the night that's past,
  And hail the coming day.

Let me rejoice that I have lived,
  Have hoped, and toiled, and prayed;
Have faced life's problems as they come,
  In sunshine and in shade.

And that throughout the long hard years,
  By grace vouchsafed to me,
I fought the fight, and kept the faith
  With self, and friends and Thee.

The book containing the poems of W. G. Wilson, entitled "Rhymes and Sketches" is out of print at the present time. Mrs. Wilson has arranged to have it reprinted. Watch for a later announcement in "Missionary Horizons" for the date of publication and the price per copy.

# GOD'S PLAN FOR HER LIFE

By BERTHA HOUSTON, as told to Mrs. Robert L. Caldwell, Whittier, California

"BE you the 'preacher lady'?" the tall mountaineer with rifle slung carelessly over his shoulder thus eagerly addressed the tiny stranger-lady who had invaded the privacy of the hill-domain. And indeed, "preacher-lady" she was, for this was Miss Bertha Houston arriving in the fall of 1909 to begin the mission work among the people of the mountains of Frenchburg, Ky. In addition to preacher she was to be teacher, builder, farmer, healer, and friend to all with whom she came in contact—a burden upon her slender, capable shoulders, yet a labor of love for these people she learned to know and understand.

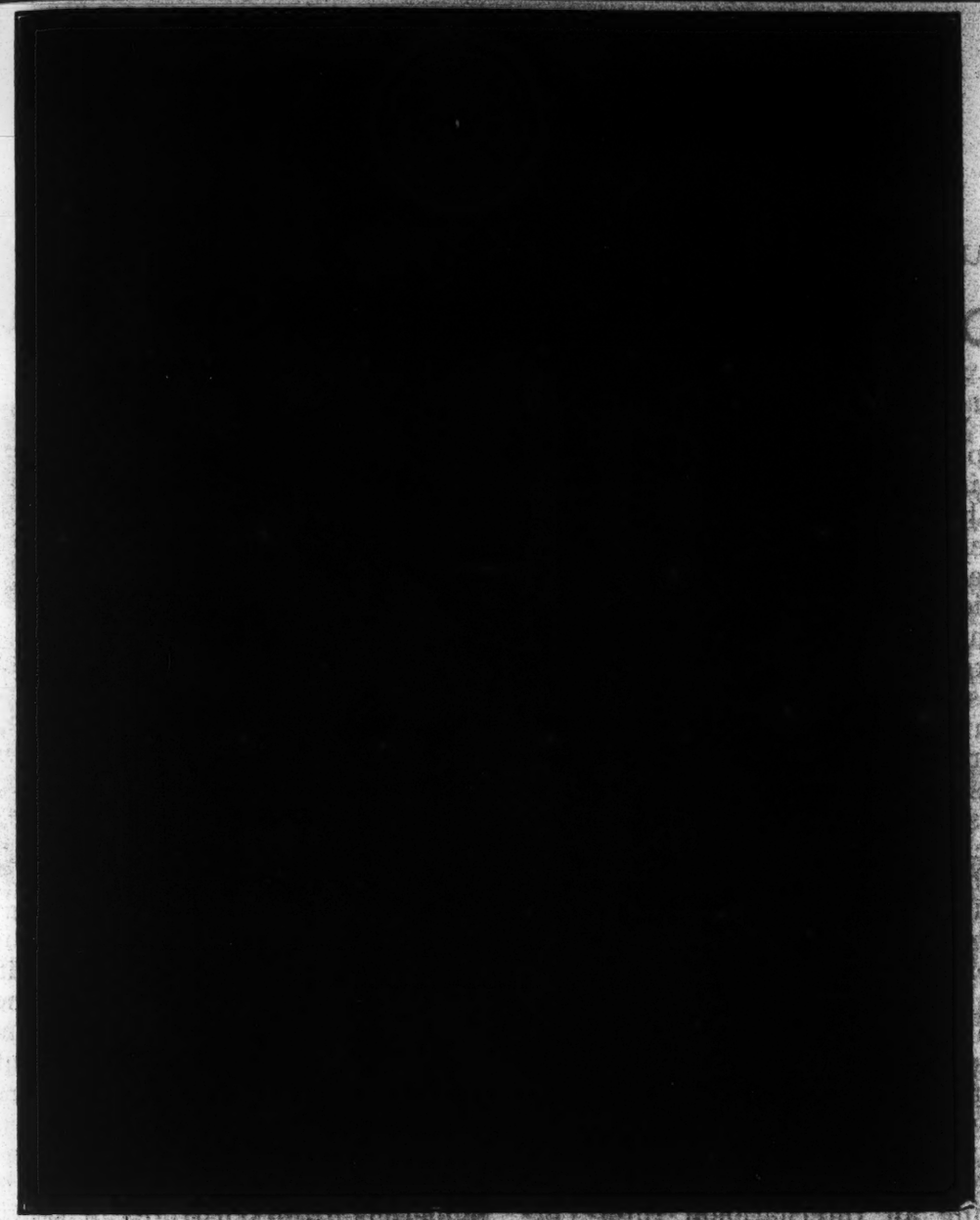
The money for the purchase of the land at Frenchburg was raised by saving "yards of dimes."

The idea had originated with Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter at a WGMS meeting in Kansas in the early 1900's. At the close of Mrs. Porter's address one evening a little lady in a faded dress approached and handed her a dime—all the money she had in the world—and asked that it be used for mission work somewhere. That night Mrs. Porter prayed to be shown a way that this one dime—a "widow's mite," could be multiplied and used for the cause of Christ. Finally the idea of the "yard of dimes" flashed into her mind and was readily accepted by delegates the next day.

The colorful ribbons and streamers of dimes were brought to the convention the following summer and when the final report on the Dime Fund was made it amounted to more than $6,000. Mrs. Porter remembered that her mother had often prayed that sometime work could be started that would help the mountain people—those descendants of the sturdy pioneers who had originally explored the hills seeking home sites. There was a people geographically isolated from the modes of progress in transportation and communication that unified our new nation, and whose minds and hearts had been unreached by education and the Gospel message. Thus it was decided to purchase property and send a worker to this field.

It was not an easy decision that brought Bertha Houston to Frenchburg. She was teaching in New Castle, Pa., when her invalid mother passed away in the summer of 1909, freeing her to train to be a foreign missionary as she had dreamed for years. She enrolled in Dr. White's Bible School in New York City, shipped her belongings, and stopped en route to visit her sister in Pittsburgh. Members of the Women's Board heard of her coming to Pittsburgh and realized that here was the worker they had been searching and praying for—a farm-girl, trained as a teacher, self-reliant, and able to "do anything." At their urging Miss Houston promised to consider their offer, although she felt firm in her decision to enter the foreign field. However, as she prayed throughout the night and attended church the next day she felt that God spoke to her definitely and so she surrendered her will to the Infinite Wisdom of His plan for her life.

"My first task at Frenchburg was to prepare a meeting place," Miss Houston recalls. An empty building was cleaned and repaired. "At this point I was thankful my brother had been in the hardware business. I knew how to paint, glaze windows, and use many tools." The young people helped and before long services were started. Sabbath mornings the children up to 12 or 13 years old came for Sabbath School and in the evening the adults had church. Soon there were almost 100 children attending and by the second year there were enough adults to organize a con-



**One of the colorful designs displayed at the WGMS Convention which met in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1908, with Mrs. John P. White as Convention President. This flag, made by the WGMS of Second Church, Youngstown, Ohio, bore dimes to the amount of $37.00, later used in the Frenchburg Mission. (Vol. 21 of bound volumes of "The Women's Missionary Magazine")**

gregation. Miss Houston had feared she would be unable to lead music, especially the singing of Psalms. Fortunately the building contractor, Mr. A. B. Hamilton, could sing tenor and play the piano and his younger brother sang bass. Providing musical instruction was no problem.

"The young people were crazy to learn and had splendid voices—they wanted choir practice every night!"

After church services started, the next concern was school. Young people are required by Kentucky state law to pass a state examination before entering high school. "So I rounded up all I could find that I thought would be about 8th graders and started coaching them. The first year four passed the required exam!" By the second year the school building was up and the full eight grades were taught. Brainerd Jamison came to be a teacher and gradually the staff was increased.

"At nights, during my first year, we all gathered around the pot-bellied stove and read magazines and books that my relatives sent from home. Those young people loved to read and it kept them in nights and out of trouble. For recreation I taught them to play basketball. We had a hoop on the back of the church and the boys played until the ground was frozen.

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Youthful Visions

# DOOR OF SUDAN STOOD OPEN BEFORE ME

By LESTER HASPELS, Short-term Missionary, Omdurman, The North Sudan

IT was a wretched week which I spent in bed with the flu while special missionary meetings were being held in my home church during my elementary school days. However, some stories were repeated for me; stories of the missionaries seeing elephants and lions, shooting large snakes and many other such adventures. At that time those things were about the only things of interest on the mission field.

As time went on, many other reports came from the mission fields which helped bring about my vision of the open doors for entering into a spiritually lost and neglected world. Especially impressive to me was the experience of my own brother and his wife sailing the Atlantic to enter the open door in Ethiopia as missionaries. Reports from them and many other missionaries made me realize the greatness of task to be done.

During my Senior year at Sterling College I had the opportunity of attending an International Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention. It was a great encouragement to see the thousands of young people there who likewise received a vision of the open doors for missionary service throughout the world. At that convention we were challenged as never before to take up our responsibilities as witnesses for Christ before the night cometh when no man can work. We left there seeking more definitely where we might proclaim Christ. Less than a year later I attended my first New Wilmington Missionary Convention. There again we received the command of Christ to go into all the world. The following year I did graduate work in a missionary preparation school.

It was while at Columbia Bible that the open door was set before me. When the request came from Rev. Robert Meloy for a short-term teacher in the Boys' Day and Boarding School at Omdurman, I felt that there I must go. Despite the call of Uncle Sam, the way was cleared to enter this open door to proclaim Christ, to the youth of the North Sudan.

They go to school at Omdurman

After passing through the gate of the American Mission, I have had numerous opportunities of serving Christ. Because of a personnel shortage, not only have I been teaching in the Boys' School but in our Girls' Secondary School in Khartoum North. Besides teaching, we short-termers have the opportunity to work with the young people in their various activities including church activities. Teaching English and Bible to the boys and girls, having evening prayers with the boys, directing Bible plays and coaching basketball keeps a short-termer's schedule filled but gives great satisfaction and joy.

The greatest joy we as Christians can realize is found in serving Christ where He directs and in walking in the way He has opened for us. There are many open doors of service for Christ and indeed the Sudan is one such open door. May we all have the vision to pray and work for Christ where He is not worshipped.

# AMONG THE SHILLUKS

By MRS. W. SHERMAN WILSON, Doleib Hill, The South Sudan

THE mission station at Doleib Hill has been a familiar part of the Shilluk landscape for half a century. Few villagers can recall a time when the missionaries were not living in their midst. As we hope and plan and pray for the Church of Christ among the Shilluks in a country which is undergoing change at an ever-increasing tempo, we are painfully aware of the little progress that has been made in bringing these people into genuine subjection to Jesus Christ.

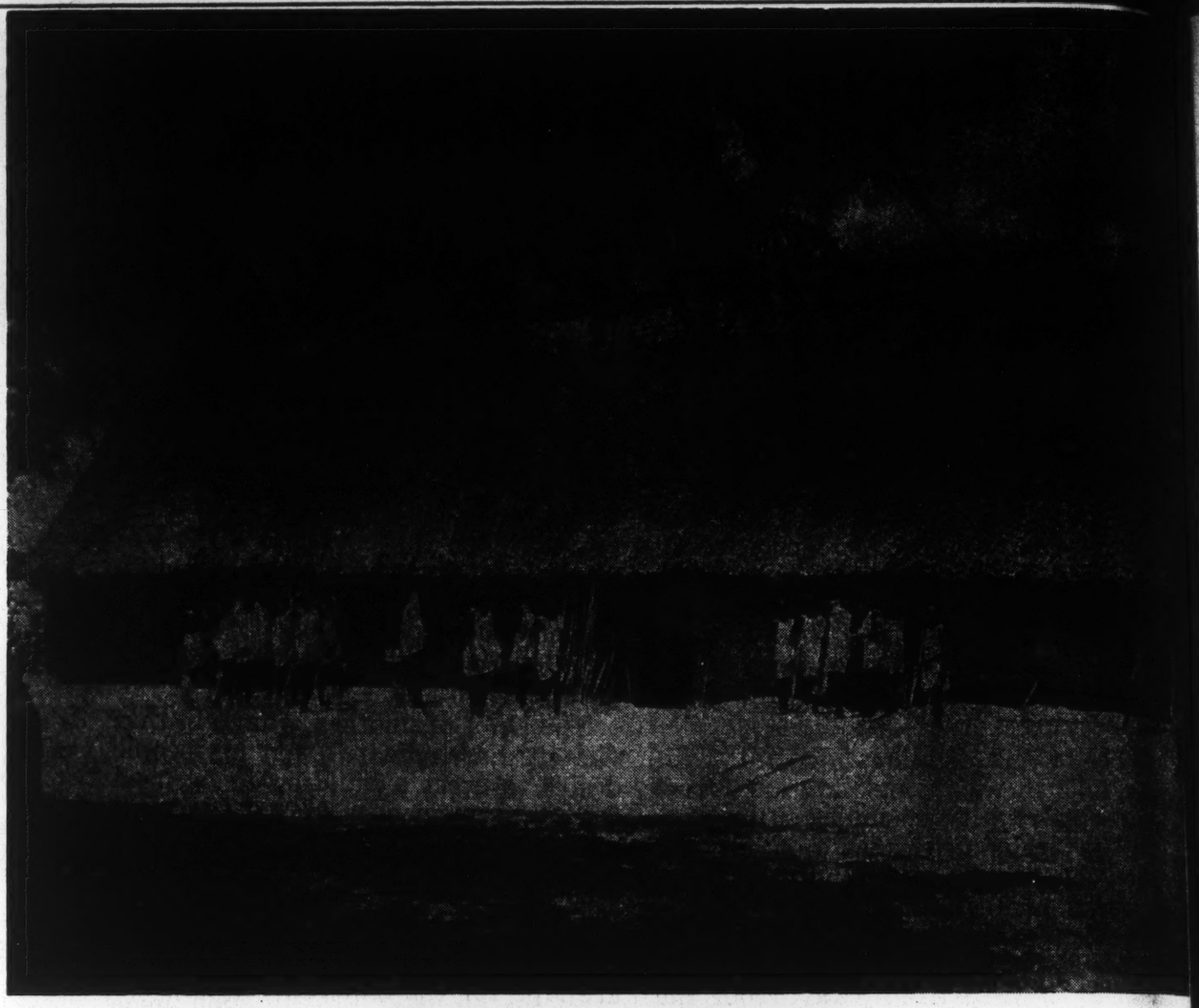
The overwhelming majority of Shilluks in this immediate area have had opportunity to embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ as far back as memory takes them. Hundreds have made a profession of faith in Jesus. Hundreds have been baptized. Hundreds have returned to open paganism or have drifted away from the church through indifference to the commandments of their professed Lord. Our recently-elected church treasurer, who was also the head teacher at Doleib Hill, has left his position as a mission teacher and has separated himself from the fellowship of the church by taking a second wife.

The elders, with one or two exceptions, refuse to take any initiative in directing the spiritual work to which they have been ordained. The handful of church members who come to church on the Lord's Day give a mere pittance to the Lord's work. Most give nothing at all.

Nevertheless there is much for which we give thanks to Almighty God. In distant villages people are asking for the Gospel. One group of Shilluks in a village some thirty miles from Doleib Hill and a few miles from Malakal have shown sustained interest in the Christian message. They have built a small mud tukl to be used as a place of worship. It is not an impressive building. In appearance it is not unlike the small thatched-roofed mud huts which are the homes of the villagers. But into the house has gone the labor and interest of the chief, the men and women, and even the boys and girls. For a people who have little love for work this building is symbolic to us of the concern these people have that regular Christian services be conducted in their village.

The chief of another village in that vicinity has indicated that his people desire to erect a building to be used for worship services so that they will not be forgotten when regular preaching points are established. In countless villages along the White Nile, the Sobat and on the banks of the khors, are tribesmen whom we feel are ripe for the harvest. Most of the nights during the present dry season we are in the villages with our kerosene projectors showing pictures of the Life of Christ and giving Gospel messages. The attendance at the services in most of the villages has been gratifying.

Last year Adwok Mahem, one of our faithful elders and a mission teacher at Doleib Hill of long standing, went to the C.M.S. seminary near Mundri to be trained for the Gospel ministry. He has returned from his first year of seminary training filled with enthusiasm for his work and with a sincere concern for the spiritual welfare of his people. He has been in contact with African churches that are alive and with African Christians that are working faithfully for their Lord. He has witnessed their joy and their success in the Lord's work. He has seen the striking contrast between the churches of the far south Sudan which are functioning effectively with little or no mission supervision and with few,



Boys changing classes at Doleib Hill School

if any, mission funds, and the church here at Doleib Hill which is so completely dependent upon the mission in every respect. We are confident that Adwok, who is now moderator of our presbytery, will be greatly used of the Lord.

Ayul, a Christian Shilluk who has worked for six years as a government medical assistant, has sent his resignation to the authorities at Khartoum in order that he may join Adwok at seminary as the second Shilluk in training for the ministry. At the present time, in the midst of a serious cerebrospinal meningitis epidemic in this area, he is in charge of the meningitis quarantine camp located at Doleib Hill. His friends and employers tell him that he is foolish to leave a responsible, well-paying job to enter work which will have little financial reward. We give thanks to God that Ayul, too, has heard the call of Jesus to follow Him and bceome a fisher of men. God is calling out a people for His Name from among the Shilluks. We are grateful to Him that He is also calling leaders to shepherd the flocks.

Perhaps even the increasing pressure from the North Sudan will prove a blessing to the Church in the South, by purging it of those who are Christian in name only, while God's own will come through their trials and temptations as gold tried in fire. The South Sudan is no longer the mission field of the Christian Church alone. The inducements which the non-Christians offer young men of the South, education, jobs, money, and prestige, are tempting. Some Shilluk boys who have professed Christ have yielded to the temptations. They have formally rejected their Christian faith.

We thank God for every Christian Shilluk and are confident that He who has begun a good work in each of them will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

# LOOKING AHEAD IN EGYPT

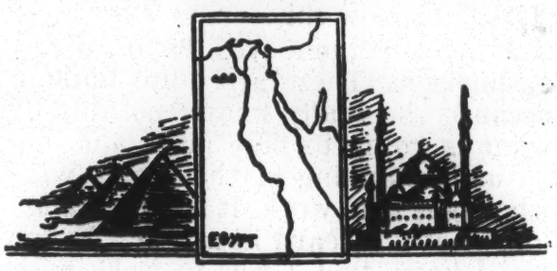
By REV. AND MRS. EUGENE H. AMMON, Assiut, Egypt

IF you have been following some of the current events of Egypt in the newspaper you undoubtedly have a question as to what is going to happen here. The same question is in the minds of most serious-thinking Egyptians. We are still so new here that the new hasn't worn off, and most of the causes and effects of this "new era" are not apparent until we have them pointed out to us.

Coming to Egypt for the first term of service we have been struck with the great contrasts of the country. There is the contrast of the old and the new: the age-old method of lifting water from the canals to the fields, and the new method of irrigation pumps and modern locks used for water control in the canals; in one field we see an ancient plow drawn by a camel and a buffalo, but in the one right next to it we see a new John Deere tractor and a gang-plow; we see the contrast of the very fertile valley made by the inundation of the Nile, while there lies the waste of the desert beside it, no farther from its edge than "just across the street"; the days are warm, but the nights are cool (so far); there is the rich class of people and the multitude of the poor; the educated and illiterate.

One thing which is apparent to nearly all people when they come to Egypt is that this place is a "going concern." The revolution has challenged every spirited soul, from the farmer to the industrialist. The man "down under" now feels that he has a chance to be someone. The new government has given him this hope.

No changing government gives certainty overnight. Within the last two days the president resigned, only to be reinstated immediately. I have asked several people what they feel is ahead for the country of Egypt. The answer is—"One cannot tell." The new hope is shadowed by uncertainty.




Personally, I, Gene, am not very good at predictions. I would hesitate to say what will become of Egypt, or of the American Mission in Egypt. Perhaps, because of the change in political status, we should expect a change in the status of the mission and its work. Some think that the "Handwriting on the wall" predicts doom for the missionary in his present status. If that "doom" means "boom" for the local church then it should be welcomed. The church missionary program is controlled in activity by the needs of the people.

I am optimistic enough to think that the next decade will be a fruitful one for the mission. Our methods of doing things may change greatly. That will not matter. Getting them done does matter. My opinion, however, is not all glorious and blind. There are always obstacles to meet. The new government is very much interested in what the foreigner is doing in this country, and how he is doing it. The future promises just as many problems as victories for the missionary.

To look ahead into the future means that we must look around us and count our workers. The number on the field does count toward the amount of work done; but what also counts is the number of people at home who are really interested in this work—interested enough to pray to God for it and to give of their substance to support it. We do not look ahead alone; we look to the future realizing many look ahead with us.

Youthful Visions

# HOPES, PLANS, ENTHUSIASM

By DOROTHY MAE NEFF, Allahabad, India

EVERY new missionary arrives at her new home with hopes, plans, enthusiasm. These are quite limited, because she really knows nothing of what is going to take place and has no understanding of the people with whom she is to work. It is truly amazing what you learn in a year! As for me, I knew that I was to work with the Kindergarten and some Teacher Training classes. My plans, hopes and enthusiasms were centered about the classroom. That was before I saw the children.

Wherever you look in India there are children, and those you cannot see, you can hear. The first children I really saw, were those in our school. Little ones and bigger ones, with dancing black eyes, clean faces and clean clothes, neatly combed braids hanging down the girls' backs. (Some little Sikh boys have braids, neatly crossed at the back of their heads. You might wonder at first if he is she.) Their smiles are bright as they greet you with, "Ji-good-morning, Auntie-ji!" They work, play, sing just as children at home, although in a different setting.

But there are other children too, hundreds in our city, millions in the cities and villages of India, who never get to school. Underneath their matted hair and dirty faces their smiles are still gay. See them in the streets wearing ragged and dirty shirts, carrying younger children on their hips. It seems that every child has another to carry around. What does the future hold for all these children, those in school and on the streets? Will they be bowed down by the superstition, fear, and futility that binds the millions of this land?

I have seen just a very little part of that life here. For the most of this year I have been living in the United Provinces at Language School. Here we are a bit closer to the heart of Hinduism than we are in the Punjab.

We visited Benares, sacred eternal city of the Hindus. We saw great steps leading to the bathing ghats of that sacred river filled with the crippled, sick, blind, lepers, all begging for alms in the name of Ram, all waiting to die and be carried to the waters in an effort to obtain immortality. The temples along the banks of the river contain gods covered with marigolds, the sacred flower of the Hindus, and offerings of food and money. In the water some people were performing puja (worship).

Farther up the banks of the river we saw the burning ghats, places for cremating the dead. Seven pyres were burning as we passed. After seeing those burning ghats for the first time, one Hindu young man said, "It's terrible, if that's all that this life amounts to."

Is this all the future holds for these children? Will they come to the banks of the Ganges and wait on dirty mats for release from the torments of life? Will they know no salvation from the penalty of sin, release from its power, freedom from fear and superstition, peace and comfort that can be found only in Jesus Christ our Lord? Or will they come, as millions did this year, to the junction of the Ganges and Jumna to bathe on the "most auspicious day" to obtain salvation? Perhaps they will become sadhus, giving up earthly possessions to obtain peace. Or turn to Yogi, putting their bodies through physical torture to obtain grace. Will they accept blindly the religion of their fathers, a religion without hope, without security, without comfort? Maybe these children will be, as many are, without a real faith or hope in any god. Many may

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# SOWING GOD'S WORD

By FRANCES J. BOYD, Teacher of Bible, Camden Academy, Camden, Alabama

EACH morning I stand at the window of my classroom and watch my pupils walk up the hill to enter the administration building. It is a beautiful and inspiring sight to me.

A teacher never knows whom he is teaching. I may be teaching a future minister, bishop, elder, teacher, personal evangelist, scientist, or social worker. The paintings and carvings of artists will crumble and eventually fade away; this is not true of my work as a Bible teacher. The pictures that I paint in the hearts of my pupils will endure forever.

As a Bible teacher I have some definite aims:

1. To help prepare my pupils for and to help them assume the great responsibilities of home-making and citizenship.

2. To prepare them for and help them assume their place and part in the work of life whether it be business, professional or industrial, that in and through their daily work they may do the will of God and help to promote His Kingdom in the world.

3. To prepare them for and to enlist them in the work of the Church for the community and the entire world.

I strive daily to have a real heart-interest in each individual who sits in my class. Often I have casual walks, talks and play games with a pupil. A constant and honest attempt to live the life which one would instill makes teaching more effective. It is vitally important to study each pupil's needs to win and hold him for Christ.

One might teach geography, history or science merely for the purpose of instruction and culture. Not so with a teacher of Bible. The Bible is filled with much good material which leads to love, loyalty, patience, honesty, upright Christian citizens. I derive much joy from sowing God's Word into the hearts of my pupils.

It is the duty of a Bible teacher to impart motives, principles and inspiration. One of the greatest services that I feel I can give to my pupils is that of inspiration.

One day while reading I found this *Teacher's Prayer* that I pass on to you, my friends.

"I ask Thee for a sure and certain skill
A patient and a consecrated will.
I ask Thee for a white and perfect dream,
A vision of the deep and wide Unseen;
Dear Lord, I need these things so much, so much,
A youth lies plastic to my touch!

"I ask Thee for a love that understands
When it should reach and when withdraw its hands;
A selflessness that flings the locked door wide,
For youth to enter while I step aside.
Dear Lord, I need these things so much, so much,
A human soul lies plastic to my touch."

## VISIONS OF THE YOUNG

*The young see not the land afar*
*Nor sheltered coast across the bar;*
*'Tis left for age to climb the heights*
*And view the beckoning harbor lights.*

*The young see not the land afar;*
*Yet, as they follow Faith's bright star*
*With vision changeless, high and true,*
*The harbor lights will come in view.*

*—Dwight E. Marvin*

Youthful Visions

# GROWTH – WHY NOT?

By MARTHA MAXWELL, R.N., Sayo, Ethiopia

Many are the visions of young people and sometimes the Lord has to curb our enthusiasm and show us that our visions were not for the best of His work. We do think of the possibilities of the future, so maybe someday we can sit back and dream of the work done in the "old days"!

We have five stations in Western Ethiopia established in a period of about thirty years. Pioneer days of beginning a new work in a strange country always seem difficult. Today we have more modern means of transportation so we would like to envision ten more stations established in the next thirty years. At present the missionary personnel is small and from past history we know that will not radically increase so it would seem that we would never have missionary staff enough to keep even as many as fifteen stations going. We do, however, have a large indigenous church. Why shouldn't its members be missionaries, establishing work in five or even ten areas where the name of Christ has never been heard! We are thankful that those Ethiopian workers in Maji are already realizing that they are too few in number to reach all the tribes in that area for Christ. So, maybe we missionaries can't start new work among unreached tribes but surely the native Evangelical church will want to send out missionaries. How much faster the work could progress if Ethiopians would go to their own people.

Then we missionaries could stay in our stations and train the Ethiopian Christians to go out into new areas. In just our station of Sayo if we had enough personnel and adequate buildings, we could train young people to go out as teachers, as medical workers and with our hope of a Christian Training center there would be young people trained as evangelists. If we had an ordained missionary at Sayo, eventually we could have more native pastors trained, ordained and sent out.

Then because my work is in the hospital, I often think of the future of the hospital and how it could grow. The hospital is built in the shape of an upside down U but we need a chapel for the prayers we have with the clinic patients daily and we need another ward and maybe another private room or two. We need a better kitchen so I vision another wing built on to include some of the above mentioned, or two wings so that it would be an E standing on its legs. The most important thing is a better way of reaching the patients for Christ. When the Lord has given some of us the ministry of healing it is sad to notice how we fail to put more emphasis on healing than on preaching Christ. There is much to be desired along this line both on the part of us missionaries and also the Ethiopian workers in the hospital. If the Christian Training center materializes then it would seem wise to let students in training for the hospital work also have some time of study in that school. How we would like to have the Lord's highest and best for us in the hospital work!

You have heard only of Sayo and the possibilities that could come out of that station. What about Gorei with its hostel for government school boys and the Girls' school in Addis Ababa? We may be a small mission in this country but we could be mighty and much more powerful in our ways of serving Him here and the means by which the Gospel goes out to the many who still sit in darkness.

# Women Of The Church At Work For Christ

By MRS. J. P. WHITE, Litt.D., Editor Emeritus, Pacific Palisades, California

IT must have been a prophecy of 1954 that was recorded in the sixty-eighth Psalm: *"The Lord giveth the Word; the women that publish the tidings are a great host."* Throughout the ages women have ever had a share in Kingdom work. "Joanna and Susanna and the many others who ministered unto Christ of their substance," Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus, Martha with her cookbook, Dorcas with her needle, Priscilla with her "teacher training," Tryphena and Tryphosa laboring in the Lord, and Phoebe the minister, are the prototypes—the great exemplars of "The Women of the Church at Work for Christ Today."

Down through the centuries women of devotion, piety and good works were canonized and their names are luminous on the pages of church history. It has never been quite clear why, in the Protestant church for so many years, women were inactive. There may have been undue emphasis placed upon women "keeping silence" in the church.

A bishop, trying once to explain the backwardness of women's organizations in his own church, said: "You know there was no woman among the apostles and there was no woman at the Last Supper," and we agree that he was correct. Yet it seems quite possible that somewhere behind the scenes some women's hands may have had a part in the preparation of that sacred meal, for certain it is that they have figured largely in the "Supper Room" of the church in recent years. We do know that women were closely associated with the leaders from the very beginning, for the apostles "all continued with one accord in prayer with the women and with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren." And certain it is that they were in the Upper Room at the birthday of the church.

Probably all through the years the women have been in the majority in the church. Our own denomination is reported as having a high proportion. To make an estimate one has only to scan any church year-book, or to look over the Sabbath School classes and their teacher to observe the members in the volunteer choir, or the attendants at the church service and particularly at the prayer meeting, to be convinced that this is a fair estimate. When Paul was writing to the Philippians he said, "Help those women." It seems that if he were writing today he might say, "Help those men." But after all it is a woman's place in life, in the home and in the church, to be a "help-meet"—a place she accepts willingly and joyfully.

The opening of missionary work fanned into a glowing flame the smoldering desires of Christian women to serve their Master through service to needy women and children over the world. The church became permeated with a new and keen sense of responsibility for those committed to her care and saw the necessity of calling women into larger fields of activity. Little groups began to organize here and there. Months before Carey baptized his first convert in India, the Boston Female Society was organizing for the purpose of helping India; before Perry entered the harbor of Yeddo, Japan, the Female Cent Society was meeting to study Japan, to pray for Japan, and to collect money to send the gospel to that Island Empire.

Following this beginning, societies sprang up like mushrooms overnight. Today all denominations have either separate women's boards or church boards with women members. Our fine organizations of today were reached in many cases through "peril, toil, and pain." While we like to think of the many fine men who encour-

aged women at every step of the way, yet we have the records of some who made progress difficult. At a certain meeting of presbytery one minister arose and said: "Mr. Moderator, I move that a member of session be appointed to meet with these women whenever they come together, for there is no telling what they will pray for if left to themselves." Another more liberal brother said: "Mr. Moderator, I think we should not spurn the help of these pious females." So the "Pious Females" went on their way.

Not all of these sentiments are century old. In a sister denomination a few years ago, when the subject of a denominational organization was under consideration some of the ministers warned against "Ecclesiastical Suffragettes" and others orated on such subjects as "Whither are we drifting?"

It is cause for gratification that in our own denomination there were always ministers who encouraged the women to take up definite work for missions.

We go back to beginnings when we think of the first missionary society to which we may lay claim. It was organized in Xenia, Ohio, in connection with Massies Creek church, October 6, 1817. Not only was this the first women's missionary society as far as we know but it was the first women's organization in the Northwest Territory. Perhaps we should add that either the pastor or a member of the session met with the women to do the praying. This society passed out of existence many years ago.

The oldest Missionary Society with a continuous existence is the Foreign Missionary Society of First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In our Centennial Year we shall be recounting the steps that led up to our present Women's General Missionary Society.

One of the most beautiful incidents in the life of our Lord occurred in Bethany. "There came a woman," with her most precious possession—an alabaster flask of expensive perfume which she poured on the feet of Jesus. When men remonstrated Jesus said, "She hath done a beautiful thing to me."

One hundred years ago "There came a Woman," Elizabeth Gordon with her brave pioneering character answering the call to India.

There came a woman—to Egypt, Sarah B. Dales, who longed that this land that once sheltered the Babe Jesus might learn the story of His love.

There came a woman, Tillie Johnson in the U.S., with her vision of preparing the girls of her race for useful service.

We love to honor the pioneers in our Women's General Missionary Society, and their successors of today.

We pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. H. C. Campbell who served as President of The Women's Association for fifty-five years and who was a valiant leader in the Women's General Missionary Society for forty-nine years.

There is another one whose service is unique, who for twenty-nine years devoted her whole time to her God-given task, who handled some millions of dollars and made this record: She never made a mistake nor lost a penny: We salute her memory—Mrs. J. B. Hill.

Women equally devoted have served in various ways and when the day of recognition comes they will share in the reward according to the decision of David on the banks of the Besor. "As his part is that goeth down to battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff."

Think of the devoted women, who have carried on and are carrying on the great program of the Women's General Missionary Society in both Home and Foreign fields. Think of the Women's Association caring for several thousand orphans through the years; of those who have smoothed the pillows of the suffering in Columbia Hospital and those who have giv-

Mrs. H. C. Campbell

Mrs. J. B. Hill

en cheer to the aged, deprived of a natural home, so that for each one, at eventide it has been light. Think of the faithful women who have supported the great program by service and prayers. They serve as officers and in a variety of capacities in local congregations. One might spend hours recalling all the labors of the Women's Board.

In Ruskin's *Sesame and Lilies* there is an interesting line: "The path of a good woman is indeed strewn with flowers but they rise behind her feet and not before them." Those words take on new meaning as we think of the devoted women who have blazed new trails in mission lands. The pioneer women walked through a morass of filth, disease and sickness—and the flowers of hospitals, clinics and child welfare centers sprang up.

Added to this service there began to grow a lovely orchard—schools, from kindergartens to colleges and professional schools producing not blossoms alone but splendid fruit in the lives of beautiful Christian girls. They walked through a labyrinth of superstition and there began to grow along their pathway redeemed souls, new lives, changed homes and transformed communities.

Yes, look back across the years and see where the feet of our pioneer women have trod and where their successors walk today in foreign fields and in the home fields—and you will agree that flowers have sprung up behind their steps.

We would like to call the roll of Missionary Mothers. Their services do not appear in the reports unless they have special offices. Their sacrifices are indeed great.

We think of them today among the "Cloud of Witnesses." Precious are their names to us. They trod the pathway of duty and sacrificial service in difficult places; they have put on immortality; they have joined the choir invisible. Today we pledge ourselves anew to the great task before us in lines adapted from R. W. Lilliard's familiar poem:

"Rest ye in peace, ye sainted dead;
The cause that ye so bravely led
We've taken up. And we will keep
True faith with you who lie asleep
With stone and turf to mark your bed
Where Foreign winds blow overhead;
Where once your heart beat crimson red
For Mission Lands.

"Nor fear that ye have died for naught;
The torch ye threw to us we caught.
Our women all will hold it high;
No light in mission lands shall die.
We note the price that ye have paid;
Our all is on the altar laid
To go Christlike and unafraid
To Mission Lands."

Soon we will be standing on a line of demarcation. Some one may say it is an imaginary line. No, it is a real line, as real as the equator or the Arctic circles. It is the line that marks the division between the one hundred years of denominational history, the seventy-five years of the WGMS history and the future. It is no dead line; it is a place of decision.

Is anyone asking why we should go forward? Let us suggest three reasons. First, the women of the world need the help of Christian women. We rejoice over our Home Missionaries, our Foreign Missionaries, our hospitals and clinics, our many buildings. Most of all we rejoice over the fine Christian women and girls who have grown up under the care and instruction of our church. Only a beginning has been made. Fine as are the younger churches in our mission fields, they still need our help. In India helpless child wives and widows, untaught women and suffering children hold out pleading hands to us. From behind the veil of multitudes of Mohammedan women in all our fields are the appealing eyes of abused, downtrodden women. From the underprivileged groups in the Southland, from the Indians in the Northwest and from the teeming thousands right on the doorstep of our churches we hear the call for help. Yes, the women of the world need us.

A second reason is that Christian women need the service. It is easy to close one's ears to the cry of the needy, to shut one's eyes to the opportunities of helpfulness. In this day when women have more leisure than ever before and have much time for activities outside the home, Christian women should give the major part of this service to that which is most worth while—to that which will last through eternity. Society calls, Pleasure calls, Philanthropy calls, but the church is calling insistently for the first place in the hearts and lives of Christian women. Shall we not place first in our lives that which Christ placed first and let all secondary things—all objects and organizations less important—fall into their rightful places?

Again our women need the unifying power of the Christian womanhood of the world. We may call the roll of all organizations and federations of the world, but none can equal the federation of Christian women. We have only to call attention to what the World Day of Prayer has meant. This day observed first in the United States, then in Canada, has become worldwide in its scope, and is now observed in more than fifty nations. On the first Friday in Lent the observance begins in New Zealand and at that point which we call the Antipodes the incense of prayer begins to rise. It continues to rise in Australia, the Philippine Islands, Japan, Korea, Manchuria, China, Tibet, Siam, Burma, India, Persia, Syria, Turkey, in many places on the continent of Africa, in fifteen countries of Europe, in South America, in about 1,700 places in the United States and 800 places in Canada, in Alaska and Hawaii and finally in the Fiji Islands, when the whole globe has been encircled. We hear of a world brotherhood but here is a world sisterhood that it unmatched. Through the planning of the organizations already in existence the Christian women of the world have been drawn together in fellowship and have literally felt the "whole round world bound by golden chains about the feet of God."

Are there some who are saying, "It is a difficult time to carry on Christian work"? It is a difficult time, but is it as difficult a time as many other times in the past have been for the church? Did you ever try to visualize the early church in the city of Jerusalem? There were

a few—very few—in that church. They were without organization, without prestige, without buildings, without money, without most of the things we count essential today, without everything but power—let us remember they had power. They met persecution and even death. "And the Lord added unto them day by day those that were saved."

Stand in the old Coliseum in Rome and while you shiver and shudder you try in your mind to re-people that vast stadium with a gay, fierce, shrieking mob of tens of thousands who laughed as the Christians met the lions in the arena. And yet the "blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church." Think of Greyfriars Churchyard in Edinburgh. Read there on the Martyrs' Monument your own family names—the names of those who died rather than deny their faith. Stand in Paris in a building, where a century ago a famous infidel prophesied that the church would soon be wiped out of existence and that within one hundred years the Bible would be an obsolete book. What a poor prophet he was! For in that same building there is today a Bible depot sending out hundreds of copies of the Scriptures, and the Bible has been translated in whole or in part into more than 1,000 languages and dialects.

Are we made of the same stuff as the saints and martyrs of old? If so, instead of folding our hands in these difficult days, let us rather exclaim, "Now God be thanked Who hath matched us with this hour!"

In a periodical were these words written by Winifred Kirkland: "God is waiting for women!" Is it true? Ask yourself. Is His Kingdom work halting because women are not giving their best to Him? Yes, I am sure it is true. God is waiting for women—for those outside His church who have never heard His voice calling them; for those who are His professed followers who have never caught a vision of the blessedness of service for the Master; for those who are giving Christ a secondary place in their lives; for all women who have been blessed with infinite blessings through the love of Him who gave His life for them.

God is calling women as in the days of Isaiah: "Rise up, ye women that are at ease; be troubled ye careless ones." The call to us for our Centennial is to rebuild our altars in the church and in the home; to renew the sacrifice, to rekindle the fire, to rededicate ourselves to the great task of making Christ known.

"Apostles of the risen Christ, Go forth;
Let love compel.
Go and in risen power proclaim His worth
O'er every region of the dead cold earth
His glory tell.

"Tell how He lived and toiled and wept below,
Tell all His love,
Tell the dread wonder of His awful woe;
Tell how He fought our fight and smote our foe,
Then rose above.

"Tell how in weakness He was crucified
But rose in power,
Went up on high accepted, glorified,
News of His victory spread far and wide
From hour to hour.

"Tell how His Kingdom shall through ages stand
And never cease.
All peoples owning Him in every land,
All nations bowing to His high command,
Great Prince of Peace!"

# "Centennial Days"

By MARY LUCETTA PERKINS, Short-term Missionary, Cairo, Egypt

"Oh God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home."

AS I think back over the Centennial celebration of the American Mission held in Assiut, the words of the opening hymn of the opening meeting stand out in my mind. How very meaningful and real these words became to me as the Association week progressed. If possible I would like to share with you some of the events, fun and excitement which was all a part of the Centennial celebration.

Even before the opening meeting things were buzzing with life. Pageant practice was scheduled for three o'clock on Saturday and everyone had been asked to appear with his or her costume for the only dress rehearsal we were to have. I think it was at this rehearsal that the real significance of the Centennial began to dawn upon me. As scene after scene unfolded before me, I began to realize just how much we as young people and short-termers owe to "These Who Have Labored" before us. If you could have been present at the rehearsal you might have wondered as we did, how it would be humanly possible to have the show on the road with only one dress rehearsal. Imagine the situation; Cairo station was responsible for certain scenes, Assiut station for others, Tanta station for still others, and then still other scenes required overlapping personnel, and in three short hours the directors hoped to get everything untangled. More about the pageant later.

After pageant practice some of us raced to the P.M.I. Chapel for choir practice and immediately from there to supper. So, even though Association had not officially opened, we were beginning to feel excitement brewing.

As we gathered in Taggart Library after supper and sang the opening hymn, "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past," as we received our programs for the rest of the week, and then, as we listened to the opening addresses I began to think more seriously of the real meaning of the Centennial. With all the rush and bustle of the rehearsals, I had been thinking of it in terms of pageants, church services and concert nights. We were planning for these special events which are all a part of Association to be sure, but with the opening meeting I began to be familiar with some of the personalities and some of the heroic effort which has gone into the work here in Egypt which made it possible for us to be celebrating a Centennial. I began to think of all the preparation, rehearsing and "what-not," not just as a series of programs and entertainments, but as a Memorial to those who have gone before us.

As we sat in the Communion service the next morning a spirit of unity seemed to pervade the room, and as Willis McGill spoke directly to the young people who were observing their first Lord's Supper, I am sure every person in the room felt a spirit of reconsecration. His meditation, "What Is This Sacrament" was centered on four words: Remembrance, Convergence, Acceptance and Emergence, and I am certain we all emerged from that meeting closer to our Lord and consequently closer to each other.

Our evening meeting on Sabbath day was conducted in Pressly Memorial Institute, Dr. Elder leading the service. This service was an inspiration to us, both through music and the evening meditation. The sermon topic was, "The Life Giving River," a highly significant title to any who have spent even a short

time in the valley of the Nile. Dr. Elder's message was also centered on four words: Oil, Soil, Toil and Water, and through his message and Rev. McGill's all were drawn closer together.

Monday morning bright and early things were buzzing, costumes were being invented, constructed and resurrected, beards were needed for nearly all the men in the pageant, so some people with ideas got to work on that, trips were planned to Afadra, volley-ball matches tentatively set, rehearsals called for those with musical talent, and of course, the business of Association came first on the agenda. Monday evening we gathered in Taggart Library for devotions. After devotions letters were read from friends and retired missionaries from home. Besides learning much about mission life, the walls shook with laughter over some of the anecdotes in these letters.

Tuesday afternoon one of the most exciting events of the week took place, at least for Schutz school and most of the older children, too. This event was the volley-ball game between the Down-Country "Delta Demons" and the Up-Country Volley Ball team. It was a close game to the finish, but the "Delta Demons" *did it,* much to my delight as I would hate to think of having shouted my vocal chords loose for nothing. In the evening we had the Historical Pageant, "These Have Labored." Amazing was the transfiguration of all our well-known missionaries, garbed in old-fashioned costumes, make-up and, after so much difficulty, very successful beards. The pageant was truly impressive and as a short-termer I came away with a clearer picture of what the founders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt struggled against.

Wednesday I was fortunate enough to pay a visit to Afadra, which is a new village project sponsored by the Agricultural Department of Assiut College, and I am sure that those of us who found the time to visit Afadra were deeply impressed with what is being done there and with the plans which are being worked out for the future. It is good also to look ahead to new ideas and possible future accomplishments at the same time that one is looking backward to past achievements. Wednesday was concert night at P.M.I. A variety of talents combined to make this an enjoyable evening for all.

I can give no "short-termer impression" of the closing of Association as I found my way to Cairo on Thursday morning, but according to all reports, business was wound up with a bang.

In retrospect the week was a full one, "jam-packed" with fun, excitement, work, too many places to go, etc., and underneath it all, an underlying seriousness which permeated the various activities. I have given you only a smattering of the events of the week but with many other reports, undoubtedly you will receive a well-rounded picture of the Centennial by combining all reports. The week produced in me an awakening to the past, but also aroused disturbing questions as to the present and the future. Are we accepting the challenge of our predecessors? Are we remembering and *Pressing On?* With God's help anything is possible.

As a short-termer I consider myself fortunate to have been on the field on the one-hundredth birthday of the Mission. Association my first year afforded me the opportunity of understanding better the entire scope of the mission as it is operating now and to have been privileged to witness the Centennial in my third year, gives me an even greater opportunity to enlarge this understanding.

# Out Of Darkness Into Light

## The Unforgettable Story of Um El Hassan

By UNA COIE, Gedaref, The North Sudan

THE sun was just setting in a ball of fire. Down the street, wrapped in a cloud of dust came the village goats, and with them the goat-herd, who, each morning collected them in twos and threes and took them into the desert to graze on what few tufts of grass or tiny leaves of the thorn bush they could find.

As the herd came down the street, two or three broke away here and there and ran to the door of their home where they stood to baa for the door to be opened.

A little girl, perhaps five years of age, was sitting on a low rope stool outside a mud house. Rows and rows of these flat-roofed mud houses stretch on and on almost as far as the eye can see. Beyond them lay the flat sandy desert, reaching out to the horizon, broken only by the occasional stunted thorn bush. To the left, and in the distance, the Nile flowed lazily along.

Her house was not much different from the other mud houses in that block—except perhaps that the door was made from old Socony oil tins—some of the other doors were made of wood, but all sagged on clumsy, wooden hinges. A few of the houses were distinguished by having an old cracked teapot planted in the mud plaster above the door, or a saucer, or perhaps a pair of gazelle horns, or even a bottle or two.

Um El Hassan was sitting, thinking in her childish way—"What of the future?" (for even in childhood she was a meditative child). The men had just come from the burial of her mother. Her father died a short time before—and now her mother—leaving Um El Hassan and her brother Abd Er Rahman who was just a little younger, all alone as they had no relatives. Her twin, Hussein, (for her name indicated that she is a twin) died at birth. "Why was she not the one to die? No one cared for girls. They are only a bother anyway."

But childish grief must eventually give way to pangs of hunger and Um El Hassan, dressed only in the leather fringe shirt which came to the knees, picked up her rope stool and went into the house. Already darkness filled the small mud room and only a tiny lamp made by a cloth wick stuck in a small tin of kerosene sent out its feeble, smoky light.

Um El Hassan went through this room and out into the open court where the evening meal of kaffir corn mush was being prepared over an open fire. Her father and mother were gone now—but one of the neighbor families has taken upon themselves the task of being foster mother and father to Um El Hassan and Abd Er Rahman. They were very poor and no longer young. Many times the father did not know where their next meal would come from. He was a day laborer and made mud bricks whenever he could find work.

The years went by, spent mostly by Um El Hassan in the daily tasks around the home. Sometimes she went to the market with her little grass basket to bring back a few stalks of the greens which would form their dinner. Again with a small covered bowl containing stew from the greens, balanced on her head and with several folded pancakes of the kaffir corn on top of the bowl, she walked gracefully along, carrying the dinner to her foster father who could not leave his brick-making to come home to dinner.

She was now fourteen years of age and old enough to find work. She started as a hod-carrier for the men who were building rooms with mud brick in the yard of the Girls' Boarding School at the Mission.

At this work one day she attracted the attention of two missionaries, the Misses Mary Jane McKnight and Mary Coie. They were needing a girl to do their house work and Um El Hassan seemed to be a bright, intelligent girl who might learn how to cook and clean. They asked her if she would be willing to come.

Here began the first part of God's answer to Um El Hassan's childish question on the day of her mother's death, "What of the future?"

The next day she came to the missionary home with much fear and trembling for she had never been in a white person's home and it all seemed so grand compared with her own one-roomed mud hut. "There is really a stone floor instead of the bare earth! And how can she learn to cook when the place for the fire sits up there on the table and not down on the bare earth?" However, she has come to try it out, dressed as clean as her one and only garment will permit.

Who knows what thoughts went through her mind that day and the following days as she attempted to learn the strange ways of the white people! It was impossible for her to conceive that she would ever come to consider these people her people.

But she proved to be an apt pupil and learned rapidly. A year went by. She must have shown by some of her remarks at home that she was happy in her work and was becoming fond of these missionaries. At any rate her foster mother and father decided that they must marry her off as she was becoming too much interested in these white people. She might take up with their "false" religion!

One morning Um El Hassan did not appear at work. Arrangements had been made for her to marry a Sudanese soldier. But Um El Hassan did not want to marry him, so she ran away to Omdurman and hid. Search was made for her but she was not found. It so happened that at that time Miss Una Coie, was living in Omdurman and teaching the women in the homes. With their reading lessons she always gave a Bible lesson.

One day, some weeks later Um El Hassan appeared at her home and requested that she might learn to read too, saying that she would come to the house of Fatma on the day that Miss Una came to give the lesson. Finally, after months, the police caught up with her and took her back to Khartoum North to the home of her foster parents, drugged. While drugged she was married off to the soldier without her consent.

Her husband took her with him to a far-away province where she spent many lonely days. At the close of the year she came back to Khartoum North where her baby boy was born, and Um El Hassan, never rugged, nearly lost her life. But again God had other plans for her life. Her husband, though informed of the birth of the son, sent no money for her support or that of the child, either at that time or later. So it became necessary for her to seek work as soon as she was able.

By this time Miss Una had been transferred to Khartoum North and Um El Hassan came back to work for her, leaving the little boy with the foster mother to look after him during the day. She again began reading lessons and was anxious to finish her first two books so that she could read the Bible. Each day after the dinner dishes were done, Miss Una taught her and though she tried repeatedly to present Christ and His claims to her, she got no response. Um El Hassan was not ready yet. She did attend the daily prayers with the Bible Women and in the village it was noised abroad that she was becoming a Christian "because she has one word like the Christians" meaning that she told the truth—one of the first signs that the entrance of His word is beginning to give light.

On another occasion when she was visiting a non-Christian neighbor with a Bible Woman the neighbor asked her, "Is it true that you go to their prayer meetings? Don't you know that you'll go straight to hell?"

She continued to attend. The les-

sons continued and there were evidences that faith was beginning to grow. Unknown to her teacher, she was attempting to read the Koran and compare it with the Bible. About this time she made a visit to her brother who was married and living in Wad Medani. After a stormy scene in which he attempted to turn her against Christianity, he cast Um El Hassan and her little boy out into the street at midnight. Only through the kindness of her brother's father-in-law was she given the train fare for a return trip to Khartoum North.

Time passed on. Her little boy was put in our Boys' home. Then there came a time when Um El Hassan's work was not done well. Things seemed to drag and she appeared unhappy. One morning she said that she could not work any more. No amount of questioning elucidated the fact that she was physically unfit for work. Miss Una was puzzled but before she went out to work that day the tell-tale truth was revealed. Um El Hassan had a hemorrhage of the lungs. Upon examination it was discovered that one lung was gone and the other badly affected. The doctor's verdict was—"She can't live a year. If she were an Arab she *might* but black people have no resistance."

This was a blow to Miss Una. She had prayed earnestly that Um El Hassan might be saved. Now, again she prayed that her life might be spared until she had accepted Christ. God heard that prayer, and, as He so often does, He did "exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think." He spared her life—not for one year but for seven years!

What could be done for her—was the question. She could not live in that dark little mud room at her foster parents even if they would be willing to have her — which they wouldn't, for these black people are much afraid of people stricken with T.B., and shun them. A sunny room on the Mission compound was fixed up for her where she would not be in danger of infecting others and where she could do her own cooking and look after herself as long as able.

When Um El Hassan knew she was stricken with this disease it was a testing of her faith but it was also the means of bringing her faith to completion. She had accepted Christ in her heart and wanted to be baptized but she was afraid that she might not live long enough to go through the necessary legal requirements. For permission to be granted for baptism, the law is that th applicant must be of age or have the consent of parents. Then the applicant must send in a petition in writing, stating his desire to become a Christian. In due time he will be called before the non-Christian judge who will try every means possible to turn him away from his decision. Failing that, he will be granted permission to be baptized.

The governor (British) deemed it not wise for Um El Hassan to put in her petition at that time.

Time passed. A well-known British doctor who was engaged in research work on T.B., became interested in Um El Hassan's case and agreed to furnish the medicine which he was wanting to try out.

For the most part, Um El Hassan was able to be around and take care of herself. She loved to spend hours among the flowers in the garden, reading her Bible, and singing the Psalms she had learned in so far as her strength permitted. Often she came to her teacher with some bit of prophecy which she had read in Isaiah or elsewhere to ask if this did not refer to Christ. Her spiritual life was growing even when her physical life was wasting away.

Finally came the day when she was called before the judge to bear witness to her faith. No one was permitted to go with her but God proved His promise of Luke 21:15, "For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay or resist." She was granted permission to be baptized.

What a happy day that was—her birthday—when she became a new creature in Christ! Now her face beamed with joy! The Rev. G. R. Reed had the privilege of baptizing her and she chose Maryam for her new name.

Some months later she had to spend some time in the hospital again. On one occasion when Miss Una went to visit her, Maryam told her how she wanted her funeral conducted. She asked that they sing the 23rd Psalm, read I Cor. 15 and the message to be on the cross of Christ, so that if there were any present who had not heard they would have opportunity.

But God was giving her a little more time to witness for Him of the joy which she had found in Him, and she soon returned to her flower garden. Shortly thereafter she attended a Christian Workers' Conference of teachers and Bible Women. At the close of the conference during the "Say-so" meeting, Maryam gave a wonderful testimony to God's grace and the many blessings He had bestowed on her. Many eyes were wet when she finished her testimony.

Two years later, it came time for Miss Una to go home on furlough. The last week had been a busy and sad one as she had had to lay to rest one of her Bible Women who had died of typhoid. She came from the funeral on Wednesday to learn that Maryam had taken a turn for the worse and had to go to bed. Miss Una was due to leave on Friday morning.

On Thursday morning Maryam sent word that she wanted to see her. When she went to her room, she found Maryam rather low in spirits and she said to Miss Una, "Are you going to leave on Friday? You wouldn't leave me when I am going to die, would you?"

Miss Una thinking to cheer her up a bit, answered, "But you thought you were going to die when Miss McKnight went on furlough, and she went and came back. Maryam replied, "Oh, but it's different now."

Miss Una saw that she was decidedly worse and she canceled her reservations for sailing. These missionaries were *her* people. They could not leave her now.

Maryam grew weaker hour by hour. On Friday night she asked that two teachers who were Christians might come over and sing to her. Her little boy was brought to her, too. Saturday night was a terribly hot night and as the missionaries were watching at her bedside they prayed that there might not be a sand storm that night for most certainly she could not stand that.

On Sabbath morning one of the elders of whom Maryam was very fond, dropped in to see her after church. After he had gone she said, "Now you can wash me and dress me for I'm going home." These were her last words. Within fifteen minutes she was called to her heavenly home.

On that same day in a newly-made grave in the Christian cemetery in Khartoum—close by the grave of Dr. Giffen, one of the very first missionaries to the Sudan—just as the sun was setting, was laid the body of one who forms a part of Christ's sheaf of the first fruits in the Sudan.

## HOPES, PLANS, ENTHUSIASM

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turn to materialism or communism to find the answer to their problems.

Good Kindergartens and well-trained teachers are a small part of my dream for these children. For I see not boys and girls, but men and women. People with a firm faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and a deep love for Him. I see those who have found salvation in Christ, have found freedom, confidence and security. They are living the life of Jesus in their homes and work. They are actively engaged in the work of the Master. Citizens of tomorrow, building a new nation, building for Christ! Perhaps all a dream now, but a reality of the future.

# Editorials

## PERIPATETIC AMERICA!

The philosophy and followers of Aristole were called "Peripatetics." That was because they taught as they walked. The word peripatetic comes from two roots, *peri* (a prefix meaning around) and *patein* (to walk).

To all people concerned with the circulation of a periodical today, Americans seem to be a peripatetic tribe. Not only are they "walking around" over the face of the earth, but they are moving so constantly from one location to another that it is difficult for subscribed-for periodicals to follow them. *Missionary Horizons,* along with other periodicals, has this problem.

Do you know what happens when your Magazine is received at the address where you once lived (even if it is next door) but where you dwell no more? The Postoffice destroys the Magazine, all except the address label, attaches a form sticker to it, stating why the Magazine was not delivered, sends it back to us in a special envelope, for which we have to pay 3¢ for each label returned. We must wrap and send *another* Magazine, with new postage. Thus two magazines are required to get *one* copy to you, and we have three-fold postage. All out of a $1.50 subscription price!

Now, we do not object to your peripatetic tendencies, for we want our readers to live wherever they are happiest and of most service to others, even to be Aristotles if they wish; neither do we object to sending the second magazine for our policy is that every subscriber *must* have the copy for which he or she has paid good money, but we do wish you would let us know where you are constantly, by sending us your old and *new address,* written exactly right, when you contemplate moving! Thank you.—*Editor*

**5 new subscriptions—$6.00**
**All renewals—$1.50 each**

## SPECIAL CLUB-RATE OFFER

Two specific facts must be remembered concerning the annual club-rate offer for subscriptions to *Missionary Horizons*:

1. Offer is for three months only, April, May, and June! Send only during this time.
2. Club rate is for *new* subscriptions only! The purpose is obviously to introduce the magazine to men, women and young people who have not been reading it. It is impossible to accept renewals at this low rate.

## MODERATORS' MEETING — PITTSBURGH

Various phases of Church Union will be presented at an open meeting at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8:00 p.m. on May 4. Dr. Samuel C. Weir, moderator of the U.P. Church, will speak on "The Advantages of Union, Geographically, Financially, Socially, and Kingdomwise." The topic for Dr. John N. Thomas, Moderator's representative from the Presbyterian Church, U.S., will be "Difficulties Associated with Union," and for Dr. John A. Mackay, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., "Spiritual Values of Union."

## MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY — MAY 7, 1954

"The Christian Woman's Trusteeship" is the theme for the annual May Fellowship Day observance in 1954.

This community meeting of church women of all denominations is informal and informative. Groups following the prescribed program will consider four aspects of "The Christian Woman's Trusteeship"—women as consumers, women as economic citizens, women as good neighbors, and women in the home. Attractive ways of developing the program might include a panel discussion, round-table discussion, speaker, drama, quiz, or conducted tour. Many groups keep the expense to a minimum by sharing in a covered-dish luncheon.

Making and strengthening ties of Christian friendship across denominational lines, added to the value of mutual discussion of, and understanding of common problems, make May Fellowship Day one of the beautiful interdenominational observances of the year.

## DO YOU WANT TO GO TO EVANSTON?

The General Assembly's Committee on Ecumenical Affairs has secured ten sets of tickets for the plenary sessions of the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, being held in Evanston, Illinois, August 15 to 31, 1954. These tickets are being offered first to the following agencies of the church: Board of Administration, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of American Missions, Board of Christian Education, Board of Directors of the WGMS, United Presbyterian Men, Nationals from our Mission fields, and the Committee on Ecumenical Affairs. The number of tickets available for the United Presbyterians is very limited, and they will be available only if the above agencies are unable to use them. Anyone who will be in Evanston and wishes to attend one or more of the plenary sessions may contact Dr. Ansley Moore, chairman of the Committee on Ecumenical Affairs, concerning available tickets.

## ENTERTAINMENT PLANS FOR NAMPA WGMS CONVENTION

Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, June 9-13, 1954

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| Board and room, including dinner June 9th through evening meal June 13th | $19.50 |
| Lunch and dinner tickets for entire Convention | 10.25 |
| Single meals: | |
| Breakfast | .75 |
| Lunch | 1.00 |
| Dinner | 1.25 |

Advance reservations must be made to eat in College Dining Room.

There is adequate room for all who wish to attend, either as visitors or delegates, to stay in the dormitories.

All who desire accommodations for the Convention write to Mrs. Odey Uzzel, Chairman of Registration and Assignment Committee, 1012 6th Street South, Nampa, Idaho, before April first, and enclose $2.00 registration fee. *Mrs. W. D. Millen,* Publicity Chairman

## ATTENTION DELEGATES OF WGMS CONVENTION FOR 1954

Plans have been made for travel from Pittsburgh leaving from the Pennsylvania Railroad Station by coach at 8:10 A.M. (Standard Time) on June 7th. Reaching Chicago at 3:40 P.M., we will leave by C. and N. W. Railway at 10:30 P.M. From Omaha, our train will travel over Union

Pacific Lines, leaving Omaha at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 8th. We pass through Kearney, North Platte and Sidney, Neb., crossing the Continental Divide at Creston, Wyo. Before reaching Nampa, Ida., we go through Minidoka, Shoshone, and Boise. The train is due in Nampa at 4:25 P.M., on Wednesday, June 9th.

Total round-trip fare, on this "special train," Pittsburgh to Nampa and return (using coach from Pittsburgh to Chicago and return, and Pullman, lower berth, from Chicago to Nampa and return) is $168.10, provided the "economy-group plan" is used, which means at least three tickets must be purchased and used together. (Of course all going and returning on the "special train" will receive this rate). Tickets bought for travel individually (when less than three go together) will be $175.63, tax included. The special economy fare is desirable for three or more traveling together, but they (or substitute) must travel both ways together. Round-trip coach from Pittsburgh to Nampa is $103.46, tax included (economy group plan).

Chicago to Nampa, round trip: Coach is $80.74; First Class is $106.76, including tax. Pullman fare, Chicago to Nampa (one way) : Lower, $19.31; Upper, $14.65, tax included. Compartments and drawing rooms available.

The reduction in rates, as compared with figures given in the April issue of *Missionary Horizons* is due to lowered tax rates from 15% to 10%.

Returning, leave Nampa at 11:20 A.M. June 14th, reach Pittsburgh at 9:35 P.M., June 16th.

It is very necessary that the railway know the space required at once. Use the blank printed herewith or the one you have already received.

## LETTER TO DELEGATES AND ALL GOING TO NAMPA WGMS CONVENTION:

Through the *Missionary Horizons* you have been informed on rail transportation arrangements made by your Committee, for those attending the convention at Nampa, Idaho, June 10-13, 1954.

Extra pullman sleeping cars will be required to accommodate your party, so please make reservations as soon as possible. *NO DEPOSIT IS NECESSARY.*

Costs from Pittsburgh and Chicago have been given you. From other points, we'll advise. Also special itineraries and costs will be furnished as well as ticketing details. Feel free to write or call Atlantic 1-5005 in Pittsburgh.

*D. C. Mead,* General Agent

Mr. D. C. Mead, G. A., C. & N. W. Railway,
212 Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. File W-6-54

Lower Berth ..... Upper Berth .....
Compartment (2 Persons) ..... Drawing Room (2 or more) .....
Coach Seat..... (Only for those NOT using pullmans)
If desired space is unavailable, second choice is.....
I will make complete trip from .....
I will join party in..... I will travel alone.....
I will be accompanied by Name.....
Address .....
I will not return with the party, but will return as follows (indicate places you wish to visit)

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## CALL TO PRAYER

The women of the United Presbyterian Church are urged to join in the 21st annual observance of "Prayer Around the World."

It will take place at the WGMS Convention at 9:00 A.M., Mountain Daylight Saving Time, June 11, 1954.

This hour of prayer may be observed alone or with a group, Society or Presbyterial group. The schedule on the right will assist in determining the hour for your location.

**IN THE UNITED STATES**

10 A.M. Eastern*
(11 A.M. Eastern DST)
9 A.M. Central*
(10 A.M. Central DST)
8 A.M. Mountain*
(9 A.M. Mountain DST)
7 A.M. Pacific*
(8 A.M. Pacific DST)

**OVERSEAS**

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| Pakistan-India | 7 P.M. |
| Egypt | 4 P.M. |
| Sudan | 4 P.M. |
| Ethiopia | 4 P.M. |

*Refers to Standard time.

## PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

### FOR PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD OBSERVANCE, JUNE 11, 1954

I. *SONG*—"Now With Joyful Exultation"—#21

II. *SCRIPTURE READING*—Selection 36—(Psalm 145)

III. *BRIEF MEDITATION CONCERNING PRAYER*:

A. *Rules of Prayer*—(1) We must ask. James 4:2—"Ye have not, because ye ask not." (2) We must ask aright. James 4:3—"Ye . . . receive not, because ye ask amiss." (3) We must ask in faith. James 1:6—"Let him ask in faith." (4) We must ask definitely and boldly. James 5:16—"Pray for one another."

B. *God Rewards Prayer*—Luke 11:9-13—"*how much more* shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (See also Matthew 7:11)

IV. *PRAYER* (by leader)

V. *PRAYERS FOR*: Our Church, the Boards of the Church, the American Mission Fields, the Foreign Mission Fields, our Nation, and the Nations of the World.

VI. *SONG*—"Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace"—#235 (Songs and Scripture reading are to be found in *Songs for Christian Worship*.)

Groups observing Prayer Around the World are asked to have one of their number report the place of meeting and the attendance to the WGMS Prayer Group Secretary, *Mrs. Walter C. Brethauer*, 118 Brightwood Ave., Pittsburgh 29, Pa.

## Wedding Bells

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Maxwell, former missionaries to the Sudan and Ethiopia, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Jean, to Gordon Heighley Marshall at the American Mission Church, Nasir, Upper Nile Province, Sudan, on February 27, 1954. Jean has been serving as a medical missionary in the South Sudan since 1946. Her husband is an MAF pilot. Our congratulations and best wishes!

**THE 49th NEW WILMINGTON MISSIONARY CONFERENCE**
**JULY 30 TO AUGUST 7, 1954**

THEME: *"GOD WORKING IN YOU"—Philippians* 2:13.

A typical Conference Day, from Reveille at 6:45 A.M. to Taps at 10:30 P.M., is packed with Christian activities for young people and adults!

BIBLE HOUR offers classes for three groups: *Girls,* taught by Rev. Robert Mayo; *Boys,* by Dr. Russell S. Hutchison; *Adults,* by Dr. Clyde H. Canfield.

MISSION STUDY CLASSES will be taught by our missionaries, each using the mission field in which he or she has ministered. There will also be a class in Program Methods, based on the interdenominational theme for 1954-55, "India, Pakistan and Ceylon."

INSTITUTE HOUR speaker each day will be Dr. Chandu Ray, a young Anglican clergyman from Lahore, Pakistan. Because of his dynamic personality, his activity in Pakistani Young People's conferences and in the annual Sialkot Convention, he has been invited to come to America to represent Pakistan as a consultant and speaker at the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois, the latter part of August.

Dr. Chandu Ray

RECREATION, varied and interesting, fills the afternoon hours.

VESPERS will find *Girls* meeting with Mrs. J. Boyd Patterson; *Boys* with Rev. Richard K. Kennedy; *Adults* with various missionaries.

EVENING MEETINGS in the big tent, feature varied programs.

SABBATH SERVICES offer delegates and visitors an opportunity to hear these speakers: Dr. Chandu Ray, Dr. Clyde H. Canfield, Dr. Samuel C. Weir.

LEADERS include: Rev. T. Donald Black and Dr. E. E. Grice, Executive Co-Chairmen; John C. Peterson, Business Manager, assisted by Richard G. Gibson; Mrs. F. Lloyd Smith, Hostess; Mrs. Graham Ireland, Dean of Women; Dr. Wayne H. Christy, Dean of Mission Study; Rev. R. Byron Crozier, Camp Manager; Rev. Paul Musser, Dining Hall Manager; Rev. Harry Van Fleet, Chatter Editor.

EXPENSES: *Registration Fee* for regular delegates, $5.00; Part-time, $1.00. No registration fee for Sabbath Day.

*Housing and Meals*: Young People (15-24) $23.00; Adults $27.50. Part-time lodging: $1.50 for one night; $1.25 for two or more nights. Part-time-delegate meals in Conference Dining Hall: Breakfast 50¢; Lunch 75¢; Dinner $1.25.

REGISTER EARLY! Contact John C. Peterson
616 W. North Ave., Pittsburgh 12, Pa.
(After June 30, New Wilmington, Pa.)

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## "LEARN MORE IN '54 — ATTEND CAMP FAIRFIELD"

These words appear on the front cover of a brochure announcing a full summer schedule of Christian Conferences and Camps for various age levels at Camp Fairfield near Ligonier, Pa.

WOMEN'S WEEK, referred to as "A Unique Summer Conference for United Presbyterian Women" will have its fifth season from Monday, August 9 to Friday, August 13. Fellowship, vacation atmosphere, delicious food, inspiration of living with missionaries home on furlough—four wonderful days at low cost—are promised. Mornings are devoted to Bible, Mission, and special-feature classes; afternoons to rest, relaxation, swimming, crafts, or field trips. Boys and girls, 6 to 12 years of age, may attend with their mothers, and will have their own program.

Mrs. J. H. Wylie is Director, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Cameron. Registration fees: Adults $2.00; Children $1.00. Send to Mrs. A. E. Beal, Box 64, New Florence, Pa.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKSHOP AT CAMP LAMBEC

Camp Lambec on Lake Erie also offers attractive summer camp and conference features. Of denomination-wide interest is the National Christian Education Workshop conducted by the Board of Christian Education, July 10 to 17. This Workshop will benefit the individual who attends by giving him a new vision of God's goodness to His children, an opportunity to develop friendships with like-minded Christians, a new understanding of the place of Christian education in the total program of the church. As those attending return to tell about helpful materials, and put their new ideas to work, the local church should reap rich benefits, felt by every member of its teaching force. This Workshop includes all departments of the Sabbath School and youth work—teaching and administration.

Information may be obtained from Miss Wilma Minteer, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Registration fees: Adults $5.00; Children under eleven, $1.00.

## PROJECT WHICH GREW OUT OF "INWARD-OUTWARD-UPWARD" THEME FOR 1953

Reported by MRS. G. I. G. SHAMBAUGH, WGMS President and Member of Jennie Jamison Society, Des Moines, Ia.

Sometimes it is easier to give expression to the revelation of Christ within, through giving out of our abundance to Missions far away. But what a rich experience it is to share with our fellow-men along the way that abundance which Christ came to give us, "I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly"—And so, we of the I.O.U. group of the Jennie Jamieson Society of Des Moines believe that to know Him and to share our material gifts is not quite enough, but that the circle may be complete if we, too, share Him with those who find themselves in need of healing and comfort and who look up to us for cheer, for prayers to comfort them in their extreme need. Truly it has been said "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." It is the upward look, for many who need us are on beds of pain and weakness looking to us to share our lives in part with them through perhaps a ten-minute call or in some other manner. Again it is the upward look as they look to Him through us awaiting the finishing of their faith. I humbly believe that anyone who can serve in this capacity is drawn upward and closer to God more than at any other time or any experience. So we "finish" our faith in the application of these Christian principles and embody the complete trinity of the Inward, Outward, Upward look as we look to Him the Author and Finisher of our faith, for guidance and strength. *"Because He lives we too shall live."* What a message to take to those who have lost temporarily, to the ravages of disease—what was once a strong virile body. What a message to take to those who see through a glass darkly the promise of release which is to come. *"I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness."*—Ps. 17:15.

### OUR OPPORTUNITY TODAY

This year my opportunity
Is just as great as I can see;
It is my privilege to live,
To learn, to earn, receive and give,
To do the little task assigned
And smile the while, nor leave behind
Regrets or flaws in what I build,
But do the work as God has willed,
And see in the small part I play
My opportunity—today.

What greater opportunity
Has come, or could there ever be
Than this, that we have been allowed
A day to use what God endowed?
We cannot see beyond today,
And yet we squander time away
As though it were eternity.
God grant that we today may see,
May choose and use the wiser way,
Our opportunity—today.

—*Ozora S. Davis*

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**Mrs. Shambaugh states that the originator of this idea was Azure Rowe. Also, that in the project they spend no money and take no gifts except ourselves and a friendly Christian spirit in making calls in nursing homes, where there are many lonely individuals who have adequate physical care, but as shut-ins, are often forgotten by those outside.—Editor.**

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## LETTER BY LUTHER SOLD AT AUCTION FOR $500

New York—(NLC)—A letter written by Martin Luther on December 12, 1538, was sold at auction at the Parke-Bernet Galleries here.

A private collector, whose name was not divulged by the auctioneers, acquired the letter for $500 at the auction, which took place on Feb. 23.

The letter, in Luther's handwriting, was addressed to Nikolai Spect, schoolmaster at Boelzen, Germany. In it the Reformer said he was sending a portrait of "the holy man John Huss" to his friend as "a token of remembrance," adding that the gift should be prized for its spiritual rather than for its material value.

The galleries withheld information on the rare letter's former owners.

*News Bureau National Lutheran Council*

**They Were Planning A Picnic That Day...** when the tornado came twisting out of nowhere, whipping their house with fierce, sudden gusts that sent half the roof crashing in on them. That's how disaster strikes — *without warning!* And when it does, there's no time to ask for blood donations for the injured. The blood must be there. That means someone must give it *ahead of time!* Call your Community or Hospital Blood Bank or Local Red Cross Chapter. Make an appointment to donate blood — *now!*

## A NEW CHURCH ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MISSIONS

Officers for the newly organized Women's Association of Christ Church, United Presbyterian, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were installed April 7. Mrs. Forrest Ainsworth was elected president; Mrs. Frederick Schuler, vice president; Mrs. Paul Erickson, recording secretary; Dorla Meier, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Franklin T. Jones, treasurer.

Seventy-five women have now indicated an interest in the women's association and those names were drawn to form five circles. The general association will meet the first Wednesday of the month and the individual circles will meet monthly.

The executive board, composed of all the officers, have planned the program for the remainder of the year for the general association. Some circles have held their initial meetings and adopted their projects.

Christ Church is a newly organized congregation supported by the Board of American Missions. The building was dedicated January 3, and the congregation will be officially organized May 2.

*Dorla A. Meir, Corresponding Secy.*

## RADIO PROGRAM — THE ART OF LIVING

The popular program, "The Art of Living" by Norman Vincent Peale, is being rescheduled under its original title, and is now being heard regularly on Sundays at 9:45-10:00 a.m. EST on the NBC network, according to a release of Broadcasting and Film Commission of NCCC.

# The Teens

MRS. R. B. McNARY, Secretary, R. R. 2, Canonsburg, Pa.

## JUNE PROGRAM PLANS

*Theme: Horizons—Far and Near*

*Heart Verse for the Month*: A Righteous Heart. Prov. 15:28—"The heart of the righteous studieth to answer, but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things."

The song suggested for program is: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." This hymn was written by Colin Sterne in 1896, and is among the great missionary hymns of the church. Perhaps none have a greater appeal. The first stanza emphasizes the *story* we have to tell; the second, the *song* we have to sing; the third, the *message* we have to bear; the fourth, the *Saviour* we have to show. Sing the entire hymn and think of the words as you sing it.

Our program topics "Memory Dreams" and "Youthful Visions," certainly should appeal to Teenagers, because all in youth have dreams of the future, and visions of a vocation which they would like to follow. Sometimes the chosen vocation does not materialize, because of illness, finances or other reasons, and they wonder why their plans have been blocked. But our ways and the path we have chosen, are not always God's will. He sometimes has other plans for us.

A former pastor of mine, studied to be an architect, but during that time that still small voice kept calling him for service, so he finally answered that call by saying, "Here am I, Lord, use me." So after several years of study he entered the ministry, and gave his talents toward leading others to Christ, both here and in Ethiopia. At present he is ministering to the flock of one of our churches.

So as you teenagers dream, and have youthful visions, won't you take time to listen to that still small voice of Christ? He may be calling you to serve Him, here at home or in the dark lands beyond the sea. Won't you answer by saying: "Here am I, send me"?

## TEEN TATTLER

I am happy to report a new teen-age missionary society at the United Presbyterian Church of the Atonement, in Silver Springs, Md., with seventeen charter members. Mrs. Wm. T. McClelland is the sponsor.

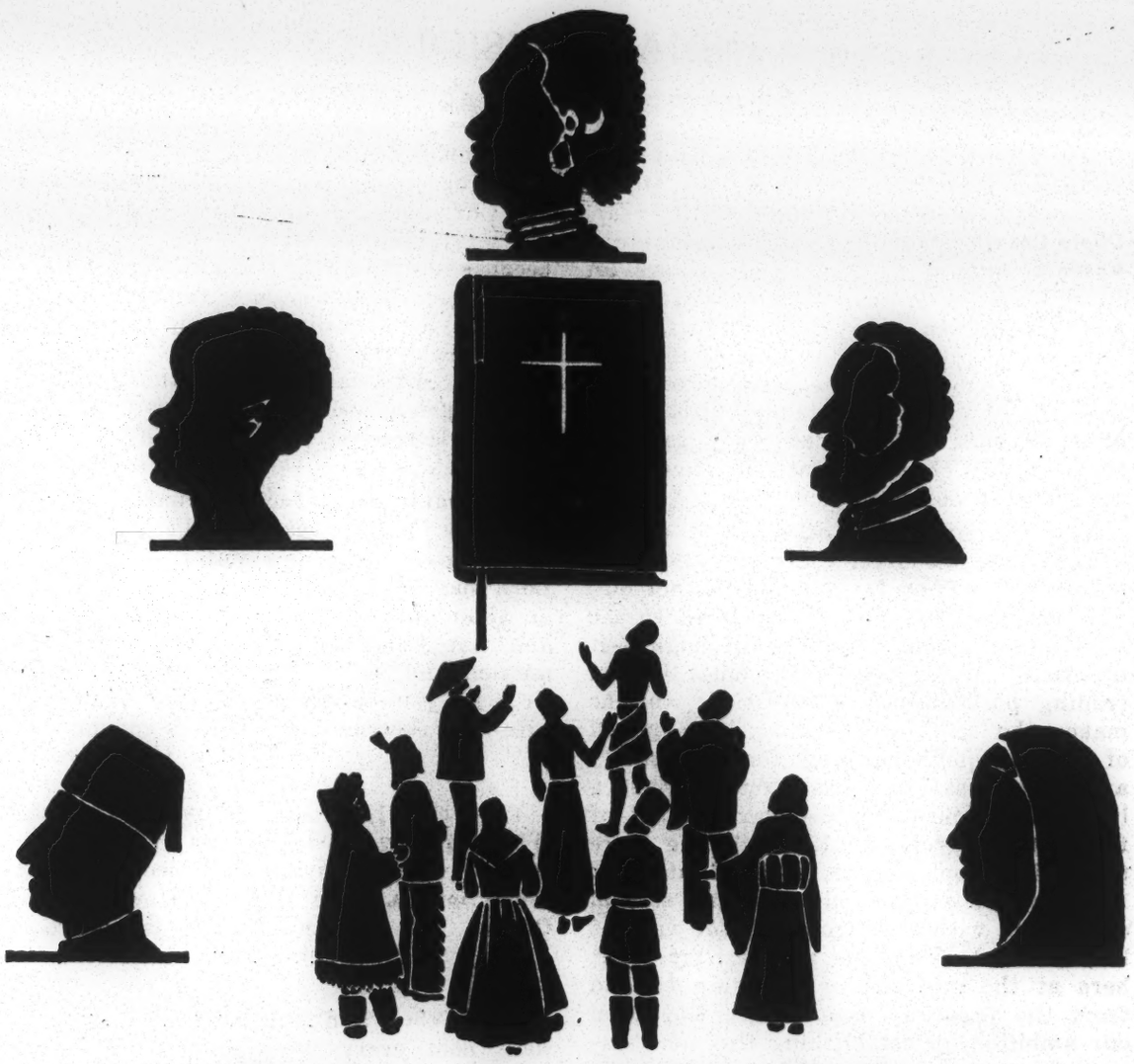
Also another new teen-age society at the Lebanon Church, in Greenfield, Pa. They have twenty members on the roll, and have chosen the name "Eva Hewitt's Missionary Society." Their sponsors are Miss Lucille Artman, and Mrs. Dorothy Mild. The President is Floy Artman; the Secretary, Janet Swart.

These societies have been organized recently, since the yearly reports were sent in, so are not included in the statistical Blue Book:

A new Teen-Age Society has been organized at the Pigeon Creek Church, Chartiers Presbytery. The girls have chosen the name "Lois Haspels" (which a previous society used), named for a former minister's wife. Rev. and Mrs. Haspels are now missionaries in Ethiopia. Sponsors of this society are Mrs. William Chalfant, Miss Martha Clokey, and Mrs. George Hixenbaugh.

A new society in Allegheny Presbyterial, the Etta McCullough Teen-Age Society of the McNaugher Memorial U.P. Church was organized in February of this year. The sponsors are Mrs. David Jones and Mrs. G. David Campbell.

We appreciate the work that our teen-agers are doing, and let us keep in mind: "Our teen-agers of today will be the women of tomorrow. May we learn all we can about missions, and accept the work that is assigned to us, as our task for the Master.



# *Seeing the Immediate*

## Annual Reports 1953

**Keep them in memory, O Lord,**
**Our brethren sent to preach Thy word,**
**In sickness, hunger, heat and cold**
**Them with Thy tender love enfold.**

**Lord, we beseech Thee, evermore**
**Grant unto Them an open door;**
**That they may find in every place**
**Room to declare Thy boundless grace.**

**Go Thou before them all the way,**
**Their fire by night, their cloud by day;**
**Till, all their journeying perils past**
**They reach their home and rest at last.**

(From an old Moravian hymn)

# INDIAN MISSIONS

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

**Oljato Christian Mission, Kayenta, Arizona**

Our report for 1953 covers the first year we have been actually living at Oljato the *whole* year. Our statistical report shows an increase in church attendance from an average of 10 for the last half of 1952 to 17 for 1953. A few who live near enough to the mission to walk have been quite regular in attendance. Most families are too far away to come for a weekly church service and few seem to have any desire to come.

Navajo visitors on other days of the week totaled 3,330 for the year. These are coming to us from farther and farther out, epecially from the inaccessible area to the west of us. From these distant hogans it is usually the father who comes to the trading post and to the mission; and he makes the trip by horseback. Nearly all of them request clothing for the family and that gives us a good excuse to get a list of the family. In this way our list of families has grown to 150 including more than 600 people in an area of at least 1,000 square miles. This constant stream of visitors with their requests for various kinds of help keeps us rather busy right here at the mission; or traveling to and from the far-away hospital. It had been our ambition, in establishing this new station, that we could go to the people in their homes. Instead, we are kept fully occupied by their coming to us. Whenever feasible we give these visitors a Gospel message by the use of Navajo records and our electric record player.

This suggests a new development of the year, the placing of hand-wound record players, and records to go with them, in the Navajo homes so that they can have Gospel songs and messages as often as they want to play them. Some would thus listen to the Gospel in the privacy of their homes who would not want to be seen listening in public. This year we placed five of these in as many homes. We have been promised five more by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bell of Flagstaff, and we hope they are able to supply them soon for the demand is increasing. It is too soon to see the results of this method. Pray that these records may be used of the Lord to attract some to Him.

Our Christmas preparations provided for all the 150 families we had listed, including 600 people. Practically all of these families were represented in the 450 who attended our Christmas services. Again we repeated the service several times a day for a week because in that way we can more effectively give the message to the smaller groups. (Incidentally our living room would hardly hold the 450 all at once anyway.) All who came had an opportunity to hear the Gospel as well as partake of refreshments and receive the gifts which you made possible.

We thank all of you for your donations of every kind, especially the gifts that made possible our new water system. The Lord has been gracious in that there is an abundant water supply in the new well and that it has been made available to the mission and to our Navajo neighbors. We do need your prayers that the Water of Life may flow as freely in this community.

*Fred C. Patterson*

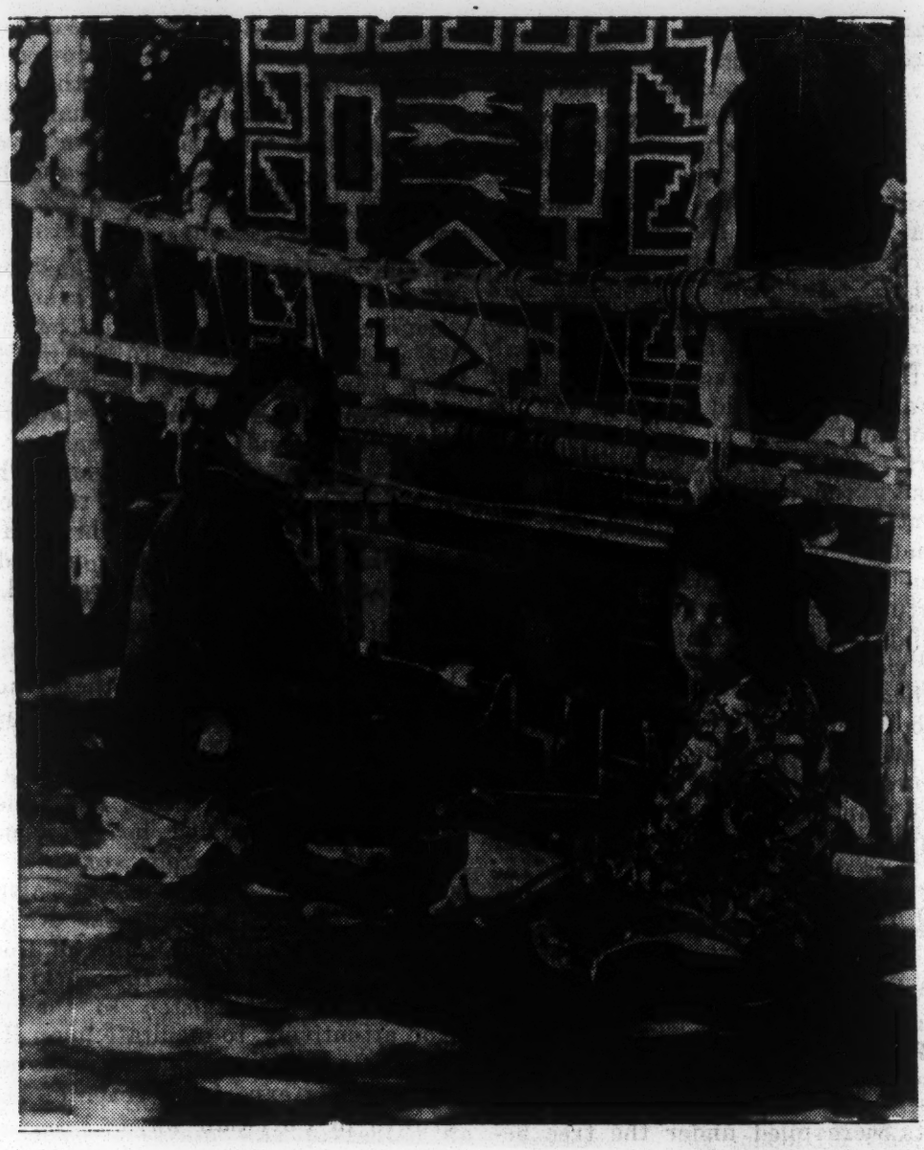
**Warm Springs, Oregon**

The year, 1953 was a busy one at the Warm Springs Mission, yet as we look back, visible evidence seems to be lacking. However, we can say that there are a number of indications of spiritual growth.

Bible School and morning church services were held every week during the year. Young People's meetings were held on Wednesday evenings, and Bible study and singspiration services only during the months school was in session.

This autumn we made a few changes in our schedule. Since the government had encouraged boys and girls to go home from the dormitories on week ends, we were able to take what few remained in our morning classes, thus eliminating the need for an afternoon Bible School as before. Also the singspiration service on Sabbath evenings was changed to a Gospel hour, with a varied program of preaching, slides, etc., but Gospel-centered. At this service a good many of the Indian children from the Boarding School come, as they return to the dormitories a few hours earlier. We believe these services have accomplished more than the singspiration services.

On Wednesdays we held our Young People's meeting with an average attendance of 45. From January to May we studied the Gospel of John. These young people have really learned but we have had no



Courtesy of Stafford Courier

**A typical rug-weaving scene among the Navajos, Ojato**

decisions as yet. Few of them are from Christian homes, the majority being from Shaker homes where the Bible is not accepted. Remember this group in your prayers.

After Young People's on Wednesday a Bible study group meets in the sanctuary at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Keithley from Madras teaches this group, your missionary having had the Young People's group. All have enjoyed this session and especially the time of prayer at the close.

Our choir functioned most of the year. It gave a cantata at Easter and another at Christmas. Mr. Keithley's assistance was greatly appreciated because of his musical ability. He directs the choir and leads congregational singing.

In June we held a D.V.B.S. in which 32 enrolled. This was good considering many of the Indians have gone to the strawberry fields at that time.

Moral conditions are about the same at Warm Springs. Now that the Indians can buy their "fire water" as any other, drunkenness seems to have somewhat abated. However drinking is still going on. It is a matter of not so much all at once as heretofore.

I had the privilege of attending the WGMS Convention at Des Moines and the General Assembly at Carlisle Pa., both of which I enjoyed very much. I also enjoyed meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

To all who helped with donations of all kinds, we again wish to express our sincerest thanks. We appreciate everything. Please continue your prayers for this work.

*E. W. Machamer*

**Simnasho, Oregon**

It is through the Mission that many Indian hearts are changed, even though the work is hard and slow. Missionaries seemingly see no results, yet true to their Lord, they go on laboring by sowing the seed. However, we as Indians can see a difference in those Indians who have had opportunity for Christian training.

There is a fine group of children and young people at Simnasho. We love them and are much interested in them. We realize that the time to teach them is right now. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. We pray that through the children we may reach the parents more easily. Each day we realize that by our lives we are molding the lives of these children as well as having the opportunity to be an influence to the older Indians. It is a great responsibility and daily we pray for divine guidance.

The Sabbath morning services and Sabbath School were held regularly through the year with an average attendance of 26. The enrollment for the Young People's was 20 with an average attendance of 19. Wednesday evening Bible study and Prayer Meetings were held regularly. During the month of May, special evangelistic meetings were held with excellent attendance and good results. Early in the summer a two-weeks Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted with an average attendance of 18 of our Indian children. On Christmas night we estimated that over 160 Indians were present for our Christmas program. Many gifts were piled under the tree besides the gifts the Indians had brought to exchange one with another. We showed the film "The Birth of Jesus." How much they enjoyed the whole program that day! The Simnasho Indians wish to thank the various societies that have shown love by remembering us in our work and have expressed it through their gifts, donations and prayers.

The jeep for Simnasho has proved a wonderful help for traveling over the rough mountain roads, especially in rugged weather, and is a means of furthering the mission work even during the winter months. The Simnasho Indians appreciate this help given by friends from Allegheny Presbyterial and Washington Synod who have made contributions toward the jeep. It is only by the help of many Christian friends that our needs in carrying on God's work here at Simnasho may be realized.

The Bible is truly the voice of God which speaks to the very soul of man as no other book can. When these Indians of central Oregon once heard a missionary read from the white man's Book of Heaven, one said, "See, the white man has a book which really speaks to us." The Bible speaks hope to the troubled hearts, comfort to the sorrowing, courage to the fearful, counsel to the wayward and salvation to the lost. The Bible speaks to every sinner and directs him to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. How important it is to listen to the voice of God attentively, to meditate upon His Word diligently, to obey His commands willingly, and thereby experience peace of heart and growth in Christian ways.

*Ernesto A. Penney*

**Left to right: Rev. Harold Kurtz and children, Mrs. Penney, E. A. Penney, Rev. Kenneth Nolin in front of the Simnasho jeep**

**Stilwell, Oklahoma**

Daily Vacation Bible School at the Cherokee Mission as in most churches, has a definite place in the program of the year. While one week in July was known to be rather a short school, yet the teachers who gave of their time out of the busy housewife's daily schedule on the farm, found that this was about as much as they could take away from home work. The average attendance was thirty-five. This was rather encouraging, since particular circumstances had caused some doubt if it would be worth while to attempt the school this year. Not only was the school of value to the pupils, but to the teachers as well who received excellent training in their preparation of lessons.

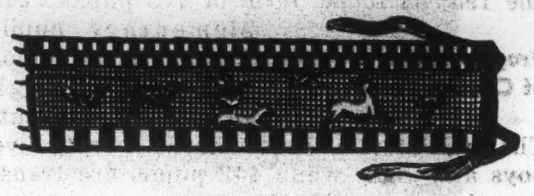
In the month of May, a time of spiritual refreshment was had when a neighbor of the Baptist church brought the gospel truth to us for one week.

When the Christmas season comes we are reminded in various ways of the Christian friends of many churches, who, in addition to their prayers, send gifts which assist very much in making it a joyous time. We tried to show how much we owe to the unseen friends at a distance. Back of it all is the Father himself whose love gave his only Son so that our giving should reflect his goodness. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." To the many friends at Christmas and other seasons as well, we herewith send thanks. Gifts and treats were abundant for all. Through the efforts of the Sunday School teachers a well-prepared program was presented on Gift Day.

Once Jesus said to some who believed on Him, "If you continue in my word, you are my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." We would emphasize the "continue" with respect to Christian life. In spiritual growth and building true progress is marked not as by the seed that springs up without depth of earth but rather from the deep root—the firm foundation. True Christian development calls for a knowledge of the Word coupled with the will and purpose to do, as knowledge increases. As Jesus taught, so must our ministry be. Divisive elements are not of Christ but we are to strengthen one another in faith. (Romans 14:19)

The missionary Thank Offering was $50. During the year the missionary spirit was stimulated by the showing of the film "The Call of the Navajo." A missionary from among the Ecuador Indians spoke and showed pictures. Dr. Orval Hamm was with us to show pictures and give a description of life in Assiut, Egypt, where he is now serving.

*H. W. Gordon*



**Tama, Iowa**

The Women's General Missionary Society is grateful to the Committee appointed by Cedar Rapids Presbytery and for the special interest they have shown in the Mesquakie U.P. Church of Tama, Iowa. The Committee has made a thorough survey of mission needs and has submitted suggestions of necessary physical improvements that the work and service among the Mesquakie Indians may be carried on more effectively. This mission is under the leadership of our native American Indian missionaries, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mitchell who in their desire to bring Christ into the hearts and lives of their own people are challenged daily with a great task which can be met only through God's guidance.

**Wheelock Academy**

The Women's General Missionary Society has maintained a religious-educational program at Wheelock Academy which is a Government boarding school for Choctaw Indian girls at Millerton, Oklahoma. Miss Agnes Ruth Bond, a graduate of Cook Christian Training School, Phoenix, Arizona, is our very capable religious educational director at Wheelock. Her religious program has provided a well-graded Bible study from the first through the eighth grade, as well as other services which deal with the concern of these Indian girls. With the help of her student Sabbath School teachers, a Christmas program is prepared including all the 95 girls in the Academy. Other tasks are to take charge of activities twice a week, relieve the matron on her days off, chaperon the girls on trips, to Church services, Sabbath School, and on Sabbath afternoon. The work at Wheelock is a real joy to Miss Bond who is happy to be able to serve her Choctaw Indians in this way.

*Mrs. Russell K. Montgomery,*
Interim American Indian Secretary

# NEGRO MISSIONS

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

### Progress Report of Camden Academy

Camden Academy has an enrollment for the 1953-54 school term of 713 pupils: 245 elementary pupils and 468 in the junior and senior high school department. The dormitories house about twenty-five boys and girls, while 442 pupils are transported by school bus.

The school work has progressed as usual. The school has maintained its rating with the State Board of Accreditment. It has not yet been accepted by the Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Of the 58 graduates of the class of 1953, 16 entered college. Three were recipients of financial scholarships granted on the results of competitive examinations. Others received scholarships for special attainments.

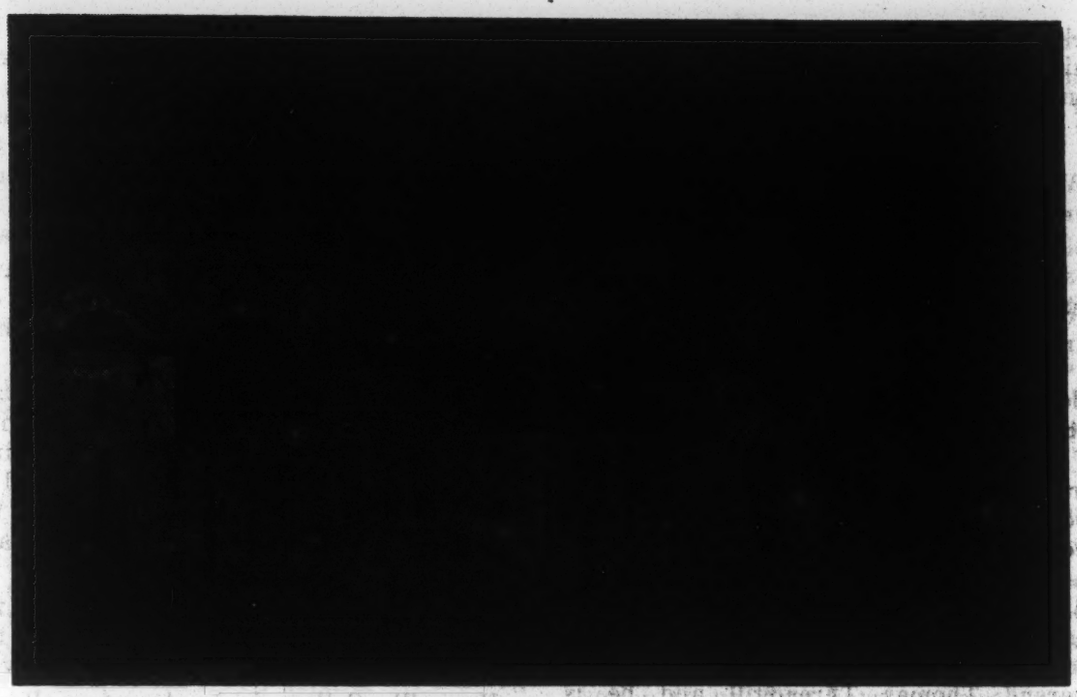
Several pupils have participated in contests that require academic preparation and have acquitted themselves to our gratification. Vashti Crowder represented the young people of this section in a Bible Reading Contest at the National Youth Conference. Carrie Manzie entered her paper, "It's Smarter Not to Drink" in the National Alcohol Contest. Ruth Bonner of the class of 1953 was a member of the Caravaners during part of the summer.

One of the greatest assets to the work, for which we are most appreciative and grateful, is the fact that a church building has been erected on the campus. Heretofore all religious work was conducted in the school chapel. Now the Trinity Church, dedicated last March, serves both school and community.

Since the building of the new church, there has been a definite increase in church attendance, and in membership.

We succeeded this school year, in reopening the school cafeteria which has been inoperative for the past two years because of lack of funds. About 234 pupils are served delicious, well-balanced, nutritive

Young people at Camden packing candy, Christmas, 1953



**The new Trinity Church, Camden, Alabama**

meals daily. This may account somewhat for a slight improvement in scholarship. Some pupils walk as much as three and a half and four miles to get the school bus in order to get to school. This necessitates getting up very early in the morning in order to arrive at school on time. For many, the cafeteria meal at the noon hour, is their first meal of the day. Operation of the cafeteria was resumed through the effort of the P.T.A.

The football team completed its season with six wins and two losses. The basketball teams—girls and boys—began their season successfully. They are hoping to compete in the Conference Tournament.

An addition to the school for this year is the school band. Through a special financial effort launched by the school, we were able to purchase twenty basic band instruments. Rev. H. A Duncombe, band director, has worked faithfully teaching the pupils to play the instruments. The band has made one public appearance. Our next step should be securing funds to buy band uniforms.

The school chorus, composed of about 75 voices, made its first appearance of the year at the Thanksgiving program. They also entertained the school at Christmas with carols and appropriate numbers.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to our welfare, in finance, material contributions or by prayer. Our Christmas was happy because of your generous donations—gifts, toys, money, etc. We hope that the training the children receive here will cause them to be always worthy of your efforts and your interest and that they in turn will pass on to others the good things they are receiving. As ever, we are not unmindful of nor ungrateful for the great contribution that the WGMS has made and is making to the people of Wilcox County.

*A. C. Peoples*

**Prairie, Alabama, Mission**

We have 160 children in our day school, grades one through six. These are taken care of in five home rooms. The schedule is so arranged to provide music for each grade twice a week with Mrs. McCall, and Bible for the upper grades with Mrs. Peters. We have also provided a period for physical education. The children are taught games and stunts and are supervised in the use of playground equipment from the Junior Special Fund and other donations.

Recently we had a school rally and raised $165.64 to be disbursed by the Session of our church. The church membership added enough to make a total of $239.61. Our membership is small but the attendance is good.

Much useful clothing has been received and disposed of for the benefit of those who need it. We were blessed by the Christ-spirit of a number of missionary societies who sent us liberal amounts of Christmas supplies for our party. The children are still telling what they received in their

packages. Some school supplies, playground equipment and materials for the sewing room were held for use as they are needed. We are grateful for all that has been done for us.

We have enjoyed the harmony and cooperation among teachers, parents and pastor and officers of the church.

*William Peters*

**Miller's Ferry, Alabama**

With almost 400 pupils enrolled this year our transportation problems have grown. However, the county gave us two new buses. This is the first time we have ever had *new* buses from them. With so many students, our opportunities have been great. We have tried to keep as our motto: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Emphasis has been on Christian education. Our new Bible teacher is the Reverend Thomas Threadgill and he is doing good work.

Our school is now on the accredited list of the state. We have had to make improvements to gain this recognition. Our library and science departments have been those on which we had to do most of the upgrading.

The lunch project has been loyally supported by many of our friends all year. We have averaged near twenty-five free lunches each day and wish we could give more. Many gifts have come—clothing, toys, dolls and money. Everything can be used to advantage and we want to thank all who have had a part in helping us. One of the large gifts included playground equipment. The children enjoy it so much that they have little time to get into mischief when they are busy with the slides and swings.

Some timber from the back of the campus was sold. Most of the proceeds went into a small barn for our cows. The two cows given us by Mr. Fergus rate a better shelter than we had for them. We have two young calves from them now.

Work is going along well in the church under the guidance of Rev. Reese. Dr. Weir, Moderator of the General Assembly honored us with a visit and preached a wonderful sermon for us early in January. We hope that he will come again.

*B. T. Ridgeway*

**Knoxville, Tennessee**

Mrs. P. H. Parker, our faithful missionary, felt that she had gained a great deal from attending WGMS at Des Moines last June. Accessions to the church have been encouraging and the young people are taking their full share of the work. They serve in the choir, act as ushers, find joy in their service in their own organizations of the church. Two weekday Bible study clubs are held. Many of the children bring their own Bibles. The Youth "O.K." Project is very close to us all at Knoxville and they hope to do their share.

"Last year 13 Juniors were graduated into the Pioneer society. They are now enrolled as Pioneers with Miss Rea Whetstone, college librarian, as sponsor.

"Christmas was a happy time. So many remembered our children and sent gifts and clothing. We did appreciate everything. The Pioneers went to the State hospital to sing and take gifts they had prepared for the patients. We showed a film, too, and then the patients sang three songs for us.

"We ask that your prayers will be for our church and community. We need the spiritual food which God alone can give."

Knoxville College is an American Board institution but the WGMS has long shown its interest in a tangible way. We paid salaries for matrons, dietitian, and nurse and also had a $200 scholarship there for a girl who plans to do fulltime Christian work after her graduation. Who can measure the influence of such a Christian institution on the lives of the students? Many of the graduates are teaching in our own mission schools and extending the influence of the college.

**Chase City, Virginia**

I teach 18 classes each week with 563 students. One class meets Wednesday evening but the others are in two public elementary schools. My third grade is studying "Jesus," the fourth grade has the question "Who is the Lord?". The fifth grade learns "How we got our Bible" and the sixth studies "Spokesmen for God." The seventh follows the "History of the Christian Church." Thirteen of the eighteen teachers are Thyne graduates and all favor the Bible instruction in the schools. The training received under all the United Presbyterians, but especially under the late Dr. Wilson, is bearing fruit in Chase City. At Thyne we have daily chapel as we feel children need to know how to assemble for worship. There are too many people in Christian America who do not go to worship service.

We purchased a ping pong set and a record player with the Junior special money sent us. Later we can buy tennis and croquet equipment. A slide projector was also a gift through the Juniors.

Our youth club went caroling December 23rd. I want to thank those who sent gifts and clothing at Christmas. They made many a child glad. For some these were the only gifts they received. I am thankful that the WGMS has sent me to witness in Christ's name and bring others to Him.

*Grayce Hudley*

**Henderson, North Carolina**

Miss Eva Thomas feels encouraged with the work in Henderson Institute where she teaches Bible as an elective subject. "Some may recall the article written some time ago by Samuel Williams who was a student in Bible class and active in the Bible Club. He entered the army after graduation. He offered to help the chaplain and was soon asked to teach a Bible class. At first only a few men attended but, before long, his class numbered over a hundred men of all races. During his furlough he visited the school and taught a class most acceptably. He offered a prize for the best papers on 'Why High School Students Should Take Bible.' Some very good articles were entered. It makes me happy to see those I have taught influencing others. Our Bible Club sponsored chapel programs and several pupils plan to take Bible next year because of those programs.

"I do thank the WGMS for making it possible for me to serve the Lord here. Please continue to pray that the seed may grow to a rich harvest."

**Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, N.C.**

Now that we are on the threshold of a new year we wonder if our prayers and efforts have been fruitful. We want to be a blessing to those we serve. We want to serve spiritually as well as physically; only then do we feel that our institution has made a real contribution to mankind for Christianity adds to the comforts, the sympathy, generosity and individual value of all.

We cannot close this year without recognizing and showing our appreciation to the WGMS and the United Presbyterian Church for their untiring service and unselfish devotion to us. You have answered our call to "come over and help us" and so we send our thanks. As we lift our eyes upward we see not a bleak and lonely road but one filled with service as we all strive to live with a true devotion to our creator.

I wish that space permitted more stories of our patients. A young mother was

Bible Class, Arlington Institute, Annemanie, Alabama

brought in very badly burned. She was the mother of six and is not able to support her family since her husband is gone. The doctors are donating their services for her. Dr. Royster borrowed a new skin grafting instrument from Maria Parham Hospital and it worked wonderfully well. This was the first time it had been used. (Maria Parham Hospital is the one for white people in Henderson.—Secretary). Several blood transfusions were given and we are happy that this case will be able to go home soon.

Another pathetic case was that of a man whose back was broken when a large hogshead fell on him while he was at work. He, too, has several small children. One morning as I made my rounds I stopped by Abraham's bed and, as usual, asked how he felt. He was slow to answer but finally told how sad he was that he could give his children no gifts for Christmas. I talked with him and told him how our friends of the United Presbyterian Church tried to help the handicapped. He was so happy when, on Christmas morning I brought up some of the wrapped presents that different missionary societies had sent and gave them to him. Also some clothes were included in the packages. When his children came to see him on that day, with tears in his eyes Abraham kissed them tenderly and gave each his gift. This was really a touching scene. One day later when the teacher in school asked what gifts they had received one of these little girls rose and said what I had told her father: "I received these shoes I am wearing from the friends in the United Presbyterian Church." There was graciousness in her little voice. There are many opportunities here to witness for our Lord, and we have tried to do our best.

In closing let me quote:

"Let me be a little kinder.
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those around us;
Let me praise a little more,
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better those that I am striving for;
Let me be a little braver when temptations bid me waver,
Let me strive a little harder to be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker with the brother that is weaker,
Let me think more of my neighbors and a little less of me."

*Eva J. Adams*, Supt.

The end of the year is a time for looking back to check accomplishments and to acknowledge failures; it is also a time to plan for the new year and profit by mistakes. I hope you have read the reports of your missionaries in the Negro Department and that you have noted the many things that they have accomplished with the help of Christ and His followers. Not one of our institutions has perfect facilities to carry on the work it tries to do. And yet I do not believe you can find anywhere a note of discouragement in these reports; rather they are filled with rejoicing that God has put them in a place where they can be of service in extending the Kingdom of God. Opportunities are legion and so many have a fuller Christian life because the WGMS and the church cared for their souls.

Because of lack of space most of these reports have been condensed. Every report spoke gratefully of you who have helped support the work this past year. Because you did want to help, little children and older young people were fed and clothed and taught; churches had the services of consecrated, dedicated pastors; the sick were ministered to in a Christian hospital when no other place was open for their care. May I add my thanks to that of our workers for all your kindnesses on behalf of our Negro missions. Our Lord loved the poor and the discouraged and the sick and He helped them when He walked this earth. He told us to minister in His name as He said: "Inasmuch as ye have ministered unto these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

We have always stressed Bible study and we hope to expand that part of our work. The late Rev. W. G. Wilson gave us some wise verses in one of his poems:

"Us talk erbout dem ole time folks;
'Bout what dey'd do an' say,
But I don't believe dey's any wuss
Dan folks right heah to-day.
"De nachel man is jes' de same

I don't care what you do
An' 'cept de Gospel in his h'art
Ole Satan comin' thru.

"De only thing dat I can see
To do folks any good
Is: put de Bible in dey han's
An' make it understood."

This we shall try to do in all our undertakings that more may know our Saviour and His saving love.

*Mrs. G. Virgil Hutchison*,
Secretary of Negro Work

# MOUNTAIN and PRESBYTERIAL MISSIONS

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

### MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS

**Frenchburg School Kentucky**

Forty-four years since Miss Bertha Houston began the work at Frenchburg, and still the old bell calls boys and girls to the study of the three Rs, and Bible plus Physical Education, and various vocational subjects. The new emphasis upon the separation of church and state in education has been disturbing, but also challenging. Fathers and mothers trained at Frenchburg rise up to ask that the present system be continued. A recent amendment to the Kentucky Constitution makes it possible for the state to appropriate more money to the poorer counties for school buildings and other needs. Perhaps the time has come that the state or county should take more responsibility in educating its youth.

Twenty-five young people formed the class of '53. Present high school enrollment stands at 205; the elementary division includes 225 pupils. Twenty-two qualified, full-time teachers comprise the teaching staff. Five have masters degrees. The high school maintains its class "A" rating from the state department. Bible and daily chapel are part of the regular program. The cafeteria serves upwards of 300 meals every noon, The Health and Physical Education program as required by the state is carried on throughout the school.

Dormitory enrollment is lower than it has been. Lack of space for classrooms causes use of the dormitory for that purpose. The third grade now uses the recreation room for a class room. Increasing enrollment in the high school causes a need for more room.

Second-hand clothing has come in abundance, with sales as good as in former years. The store is open five mornings a week, and serves a need to the people and the school as well.

The Jane Cook Hospital staff includes a supervisor, dietitian, technician, three registered nurses, three aides, a book keeper, and five domestic helpers. During

High School Band at Frenchburg. Funds for band instruments is the current "Teen Special"

the year 1953, 563 patients were cared for or an average of 5.5 per day. This does not include the doctor's patients or those who come to the laboratory. Records reveals 105 babies born during the year. A free-bed fund, and a fund for rheumatic fever patients were inaugurated this past year. Both will help care for needy cases.

In addition to the teachers and hospital staff, ten other people are employed in various capacities. This includes office, store, matron, maintenance, dietitian, and lunch-room workers. A substantial increase in salaries was made this year. This calls for increased funds to support the work.

Perhaps the greatest need is for workers. The school was unable to secure a music teacher or dietitian for the dormitory. Some fine consecrated workers are on the staff, but they are harder to get as the years go by. Most applicants are anxious for a large salary. Some more effective appeal than we have so far made must be made throughout the church if this work is to continue to be the influence it has been, and can still be.

*Arthur Gathman*, Superintendent

**Mrs. Stephens, first-grade teacher at Frenchburg, proudly displays the three sets of twins in her classroom**

**Ezel School Kentucky**

In the Spring of 1953 Ezel School completed its twenty-ninth year of service in Eastern Kentucky, serving in behalf of the WGMS and for the glory of God. In the Fall we began our thirtieth year with an enrollment which has reached over 460 in the twelve grades of the school. Thus a school plant built to take care of approximately 300 is doing its best to contain many more. Fifty-eight beginners in one room under one teacher is an example of our overcrowded condition in the elementary rooms.

For this task a staff of nineteen consecrated Christian teachers has been recruited. The local county Board of Education pays the salaries of the seven elementary teachers to the Women's Board, who in turn pay all teachers on the same salary schedule. The county also provides transportation for all the children. The high school is accredited as Class A by the State Department of Education.

The spiritual life of the boys and girls in the school, and the neighborhoods from which they come are enriched and nurtured by a well-planned study of God's Word in regular class periods each week plus the daily devotional periods in the home-room groups or in chapel service. Twice this year, Spring and Fall, the school joined with the community church in a week of Spiritual Emphasis to enjoy the leadership of visiting ministers from our U. P. Church. Dr. James Guthrie and Dr. Edwin Fairman gave of their time to assist our own pastor, Rev. Homer Haines.

Members of our staff also help in the Community U. P. Church by serving in the Bible School, leading the Junior Church, the Junior Choir, and in sponsoring the Youth groups and Teen-age missionary group. Others are helping in rural Sabbath Schools. One school bus and the school station wagon bring in loads each Sab-

First-grade room at Ezel. Miss Purdy, teacher, has 58 enrolled in her room

bath morning, and the station wagon that evening for young people's meeting.

At the time of our Fall week of Spiritual emphasis a large number of our students made the most important decision to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Since then, twenty-six have joined our Ezel United Presbyterian Church, and others have been received into the membership of other community churches.

Because of the coming of good roads, school buses, the consolidation of schools and other advances in education, too many have casually assumed that all the needs of this area have been met and all the problems solved. This is far from the truth. We still serve an area where there are many shabby one-roomed schools, frequently taught by girls with little more than a high school education. Even our buildings are terribly overcrowded. We have qualified teachers only because they are willing to make the sacrifices necessary in giving sacrificial Christian service. Somehow we have not been able to recruit enough teachers for our staff from the membership of our own U.P. Church. We are thankful for devoted Christian teachers from other denominational groups who have volunteered and are serving with us. This year we have had the added joy of having three of our own Ezel alumni and two from Frenchburg School on our teaching staff.

As we close another year in the Master's service we praise Him for the many blessings and privileges which come with the responsibilities of the task He has given us to do in Ezel School.

*William A. Heagen*, Superintendent

## MOUNTAIN CHURCHES

**Frenchburg Church**

The year 1953 was another busy year for our small congregation. We are quite proud of our several accomplishments. The big project for the year was the building of the new parsonage next to the church. We are grateful to the Women's Board for assistance with this project. We put new front doors on the church and the women made many improvements in the kitchen. We note that the efficiency rating of the Women's Missionary Society increased this year to 85%. Our Sunday School work increased even though we dropped one of our afternoon schools. We now carry on schools at McCausey Ridge and the church. The membership at McCausey is 46; and here at Frenchburg it is 144, with our average attendance of 92. This is the largest S.S. enrollment and attendance for years here. We were able to conduct another Daily Vacation Bible School last summer with an enrollment of 110. We had four caravaners assisting us with D.V.B.S. As to our membership we had a net gain of two for 1953.

We had some excellent special meetings. Rev. Alvin Carlson of Minneapolis was here the week-end of March 1st. The pastor

conducted Holy Week services. Our guest leaders for the Fall Evangelistic Meetings in October were Rev. Griffith C. Rice and family of St. Johns, Michigan. These special meetings were an inspiration to the congregation and several decisions were made.

In March the pastor conducted a week of services at Trenton, Ohio, U.P. Church.

Our average per member for missions this year was $14.00, and the average for all expenses was $125.00. We reported 20 tithers again this year.

*Rev. James E. Eddy*, Pastor

**Ezel Church**

The Ezel Church has had a good year under the ministry of the Rev. Homer Haines. Two series of evangelistic services were held. At one, Dr. James Guthrie conducted the services, and at the other Dr. Edwin Fairman led the meetings. As a result twenty-six of the students gave their hearts to Christ.

The Sabbath School continues to be well attended. In addition to those attending from the town one school bus and the station wagon is sent out to the surrounding country to bring in students, thus increasing the opportunity for Christian training.

Senior, Teen-Age and Junior Missionary societies continue active and Junior Church is a part of service as well as the active Young People's group.

## HOSPITALS

**Jane Cook Hospital**

During the latter part of the year Miss Dorothea Foucar, R.N., relinquished her supervision of the hospital and returned to Canada where her mother is ill. Miss Foucar rendered a definite service to the hospital in her program of reorganization which will be a lasting benefit, for which we are grateful.

The new Supervisor is Miss Glendine Lundquist, who for twenty years served as a nurse in India, and Supervisor of the Memorial Hospital in the Punjab. Miss Lundquist is on extended furlough for family reasons so comes to Jane Cook Hospital during the interval.

The staff now consists of supervisor, technician, dietition, three registered nurses, three aides and a bookkeeper. During the year 563 patients were cared for, not including patients treated in the Doctor's office and the laboratory. There were 105 babies born in the hospital and many operations performed. Two new funds were established, one a free bed fund for the care of worthy patients unable to pay, the other for the care of rheumatic fever cases, which will be a blessing to many children so afflicted. Two safety measures taken were the erection of a small fire-proof cinder block building for storing oxygen tanks, the other converting a window into a door on second floor for access to fire escape.

The new year has started well and we look forward to a year of blessing and service to the Lord and community.

**Cedar Creek Hospital**

It is with great regret that we record the one big disappointment of the year—closing of Cedar Creek Hospital. It had been opened in the spring of 1951 with high hopes of its success. Many prayers, plans and much hard work had gone into it but success always seemed to be just out of our grasp. When we had an experienced supervisor we could get no doctor, when we finally secured a doctor no experienced supervisor was available. We had leased the hospital from the State for a two-year trial period. When we found that the doctor, after his own survey of the community, felt that there was little chance of success we released him. The only other available doctor would not be able to come for more than six months, and to keep the hospital open for that length of time with no doctor, hence no patients, would entail the expenditure of a great deal of money, which the Board did not feel justified in doing. So, very reluctantly, the decision was reached to relinquish the lease and close the hospital.

The equipment, instruments, bed linens, towels and many other things generously provided by societies and individuals will continue to carry out the wish of the donors in ministering to the comfort of the sick as they were divided between our two other hospitals, Jane Cook at Frenchburg, Ky., and Jubilee at Henderson, N. C.

The Women's Board is grateful to many people who helped in this project: to the Rev. John Powers, pastor of the Cedar Creek and Zion Churches, for constant help and advice; to the Work Campers who helped repair the buildings, and particularly to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Collins who, under trying circumstances, gave loyal service, he as the capable custodian and she as the gracious and efficient dietitian and housekeeper. Our prayers and good wishes go to them all into the future.

*Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch*

**Westland Pennsylvania**

We have finished our first year as an organized Church. We have enjoyed being on our own responsibility. The elders and trustees have been very faithful in their work. It has given me personally much satisfaction to see these men discuss the affairs of our Church and attend to the things that needed to be done. Especially has it given me real joy at each Communion service to have our two elders assist the pastor. I feel that we have made real progress in taking this step of organizing our Church.

Rev. W. N. Thornburg of the Venice Church continues to serve as our pastor. Services have been held each Sabbath afternoon during the past year, with the Communion Service once each quarter. We now have 72 members on our roll. Last March we had a Visitation Campaign when a group of our men and women visited each of the Protestant families in the town. We also had a week of Revival Meetings in March with Rev. Jay Adams as our speaker.

The special days have been observed—Easter with its Dawn Service, which has come to be a tradition with us. This year it was clear and we really saw the sun rise! The boys and girls had a nice program for Children's Day, which always means much to them. Thanksgiving Day morning we had a worship service with good attendance; and on Christmas Eve our Candle Light Service with pictures of the nativity.

Miss Elsie Cowden has served another year as our Sunday School superintendent. The enrollment is 59 in our School, with 8 classes. Our new class this year is the Nursery Class. We found we had a nice number of little folks too young for the work of the Beginner's Class, so Mrs. Margaret Casper, with two little ones of her own, has taken charge of this group. They are using the room that the Beginners had before, so we had to fix another corner for them. The Beginners are happy in their new corner. We have 30 on our Cradle Roll, which speaks well for the future of our Sunday School. Each quarter we have some social function for the members of the School, as the picnic in the summer, Hallowe'en and Christmas parties.

There is something about our Summer Bible Schools which I love, for the privilege of teaching boys and girls and of having them every day, instead of once a week, is an opportunity to really accomplish something worthwhile. We had, as in other years, two schools, one for our own children, and one for the colored. Our total enrollment for both was 82, with an average of 60, and 38 with perfect records. Miss Cowden, and Miss Milocent Herriot, with Miss Haberer and myself were the teachers.

Our Missionary Society has a membership of 11, and held 10 meetings in the past year. This group helps with the Christmas Party, and with the dinner in connection with our annual congregational meeting. In May we held a nice Mother and Daughter Banquet at which Mrs. Thornburg was the speaker.

Our Junior Society meets each Sunday evening, but we also have a quarterly missionary Sunday in the Sunday School. Our Juniors gave a simple missionary pageant for our own Thank Offering service, and we were asked to give it at the Junior Presbyterial Rally, and again at the Junior Thank Offering Service at the Grove Church in West Middletown.

We say a real "thank you" to those who have helped during the year in many ways.

*Dorothy E. Partington*

**New York Presbytery**

During the past year I have worked in two churches, the first five months at the Bay Ridge Church in Brooklyn and the last seven at our Paterson Church in Paterson, N.J.

I have substituted for regular teachers in the different departments of the Sabbath Schools many times, spoken to Pioneer and Builders' Young Peoples' Societies, conducted the devotional service for several missionary societies, gave object lessons at the close of the Sabbath School period several times, taught a class in the Daily Vacation Bible School, and occasionally had charge of the Prayer meeting service.

In the New York area they have Released-Time Bible School with which I helped at Bay Ridge.

Some of the church people at Paterson go to The North Jersey Training School for Girls who are mentally retarded, to teach each Tuesday night so I had the privilege of teaching the girls in Cottage 8 for ten weeks. I also had charge of the Junior Rally of the Presbytery, took part in the annual Stony Brook Young Peoples' Conference, teaching the nine-to-twelve-year-old boys and girls and had charge of one of the prayer groups for the

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# FOREIGN MISSIONS

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

THE women of our Church with deep concern for carrying out the Great Commission generously support the work overseas by voluntary contributions, and faithfully continue in prayer. The salary of all single, career, women missionaries, their travel and other expenses, the building of new residences, schools and clinics; the maintenance of all institutions under the WGMS are their joyous responsibility.

The 1953 Convention honored and awarded pins to: The Misses Martha C. Glass, Frances M. Patton, Laura B. Wright, and Mrs. Jane Smith Simpson of Egypt; Miss R. Jean Black and Dr. Reba Hunsberger of Pakistan, for serving thirty years or more.

EGYPT. At Annual Meeting the Mission impressively celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding, thanking God for the past and claiming His promises for the future.

The Mission is prospering under the new government under General Naguib; all wish it well in its efforts to create a new Egypt. Schools are crowded and do not have enough staff; the hospitals are understaffed, thus limited in their service.

The Home Economics Training Center at Girls' College, made possible by the Ford Foundation, provides new opportunities for College girls, local girls and women. We pray that trained teachers may hear God's call to this service.

The Literacy and Literature program has been increasingly effective. We rejoice that Dr. Finney and Miss Mikhiel have been restored to the work. Reading rooms, village libraries, the bookmobile, the preparing and printing of books in simple Arabic, filmstrips and audio-visual aids, all contribute to the program of adult literacy.

Rocky Point Camp, Cyprus, is now a reality. This quiet, peaceful, vacation spot brings welcome rest and refreshment to missionaries. The Women's Board made a grant for tents and equipment.

Miss Ruth M. Williamson of Tanta retired after a splendid service in the Kindergarten Department. Miss Margaret A. Work and Miss Lucile B. Nichols, R.N., have been detained for family reasons. Miss Millie Kelso's resignation was accepted with regret. The Misses Elizabeth McKibben, R.N, and Ruth A. Work, beloved retired missionaries, were called Home to be with their Lord.

Five former short-termers have been appointed to career service: the Misses Lois M. Finney, Louisa G. Hines, R.N., Faith E. Hamilton, Norma Lee Squires and Mary Laura Markley. Mrs. Alma P. Ross for Tanta GBS, Miss Ruth A. Brooks, R.N., and Miss Ruth Romaine for Assiut Hospital were the new short-term appointees.

The Youth Program of Synod and Mission has been developed; inspiring conferences have been held. The National Women's Missionary Society representatives met in August; plans were made for the organization of Christian women in Egypt.

PAKISTAN. We rejoice that doors still open in a remarkable way for preaching the Gospel. Since partition (1947) three floods and two famines sorely tried the people; they are most grateful to our government for wheat and dried milk.

The work in Adult Literacy is being stressed; many villagers are now able to read God's Word for themselves. Habits of worship, daily prayer, family worship, and Bible study are encouraged. Many have had the thrill of progressing from primer to reading the Gospels of John and Mark. Village people, with so little, are struggling to build churches; let us help these Bible-reading, Psalm-singing Christians by our gifts and prayers. Thank God for the growth and effectiveness of the work of the Bible Society, so important to the Church and the Mission.

The boarding schools are crowded; Punjabi teachers are taking responsibility and proving very efficient. Daily Bible lessons are given in the schools; fifty-three girls from Pasrur GBS united with the Church. A refresher course was attended by 110 teachers, and Miss Edith Williams shared methods she learned in America. She and Mrs. Nazir Alam represented Punjabi women and girls and their needs to our Church.

Joys and heartaches are mingled in Mission life: Rev. Horace McGuill and Mrs. R. R. Stewart were called Home; Miss Mary Kyle retired after 48 years of faithful witnessing; the illness of Miss M. Lois Boyd necessitated her resignation; Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N., came to America for family reasons. But God chose Audrey C. Campbell, Florence M. Carithers, R.N., and Barbara A. Lewis to bear His Name.

The hospitals are under-staffed and operate with reduced budget. The Gospel message is presented to rich and poor alike, by evangelists and Bible Women. He sent them to preach the Gospel and to heal the sick."

**INDIA.** Over 500 girls crowd Avalon School, Pathankot; even so, 100% passed the examinations. The school celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding by Miss Mary Jane Campbell. Efforts to nationalize the schools are being made, and Jai Kaur Ishwar Singh is the efficient principal of both the High School and Training Center. Miss Dorothy M. Neff will soon return from Language School in Landour and Allahabad to share the work; a Fulbright grantee helped in the Kindergarten.

In the district of Pathankot Padre Nasim, the zealous, enthusiastic pastor, shepherds a little flock. The Elliott Dispensary had competition from two new free dispensaries; but many who left are returning, they miss the kind treatment and helpful Bible stories. Punjabi villagers are kind and gracious, and eagerly listen to the Bible Woman who brings The Word in song and story to Gurdaspur District, and brightens the drab lives of the women. Christians and non-Christians listen.

The Dhariwal Girls' School is so crowded that Chapel is held in the courtyard, where they sit on benches, singing the Psalms and hymns with great gusto.

**NORTH SUDAN.** Elections have begun for a new independent government. The two leading parties are divided, not so much it seems, by political opinion as by religious belief. Their future relationship with Egypt is their right to determine, but the hope is that all may be willing to accept the will of the majority.

The Language School in Omdurman is meeting a great need for Arabic study; some South Sudan missionaries enrolled.

The schools continue their Christian teaching. Khartoum North GBS, Atbara and the newly-acquired school at Wad Medani are greatly in need of teachers. Sudanese embroidery work is taught, and besides bringing in some revenue, presents opportunities for Christian teaching. The missionaries and Bible Women teach adults to read and to sew along with Bible lessons; they go about with freedom to enter open doors. Literature work is being developed and new materials added.

A new residence in Gedaref for a missionary and a Bible Woman is under construction. Negotiations are being made for the Wad Medani property to be sold; we shall build on another plot near the girls' school, a better location for both evangelistic and educational workers.

Both career and short-term missionaries are needed. Miss Beverly J. Day, a former short-termer, has been appointed to career service; others are preparing papers for appointment.

**SOUTH SUDAN.** These are times of radical changes. Arabic is replacing English as a second language in the schools, and missionaries must learn Arabic in the Omdurman School. During the year Miss Phyllis Rogers became Mrs. Enoch Hansen. Miss Martha L. Pollock was appointed a short-term bookkeeper at Malakal.

We rejoice that missionaries of the Reformed Church in America participate in the whole program of the Mission. The building and maintenance of chapels, residences, schools, hospitals and clinics will depend on the devotion, prayers and gifts of God's people. Now Pokwo, Pibor and Ler are our responsibility; souls must be won, and babes in Christ taught His ways, and to know: God hates sin, but loves the sinner."

**ETHIOPIA.** The work has been limited because of the lack of personnel. Miss Norma H. Knieriemen, R. N., was a most welcome addition and, after Amharic study, will serve in hospital or clinic. Dr. D. C. Henry's death and Mrs. Henry's subsequent resignation were great losses to the Mission.

A necessary building program has been planned. The WGMS residence in Pokwo, now part of the Ethiopia Mission, has been completed; a residence in Ghimeera has been approved. The development of the Annie Campbell Girls' School property in Addis Ababa includes a residence, classrooms, and Chapel. The Board of Foreign Missions generously voted a grant, thus making possible the enlarged building program there.

Keis Terfa Tiba and Daka Gorba, Ethiopian evangelist and teacher from Sayo, came to Maji to carry on the work of the Church and school. They are adjusting to new circumstances and ask for prayer. The clinic has been coping with raging epidemics; many injections and vaccinations were given. There is noticeable economic improvement in the Maji area, for gold-mining now absorbs the lives of the tribes people.

The Word of God is being taught in churches, schools and clinics. There was great rejoicing when eight churches in the Sayo District were re-opened.

In these restless days in countries where our Missions are located, the need for Christ is urgent. The good hand of our God" is upon the work, and we praise Him for His faithful guidance and care of the workers. Let us pray that He will send forth more laborers.

*Mrs. Arthur B. McBride,*
Secretary, Foreign Missions

# NORTH and SOUTH SUDAN

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

## The Ministry of Preaching

**Omdurman**

Upon my return in December, 1952, from seeing the Bible Women's work in Atbara and Port Sudan, I took charge of the B. W. work in Omdurman. Since there was only one Bible Woman until August 1953, I assisted her two days a week and studied Arabic. In the summer I prepared some new lessons for use in the homes and gave them at the Institute in July.

Beginning in August 1953 three Bible Women were appointed to Omdurman. We were able before long to fill their days, reaching six districts of the city. In December I completed the fifth examination in Arabic, and have been studying on the sixth since then.

The Wednesday afternoon meeting for girls at the mission residence was changed in August 1953 to include English lessons as well as Arabic and sewing. We discontinued the linen embroidery work since we found it consumed far too much time in preparation and we had to limit to 25 the number of girls doing the work. The attendance has increased to between 40 and 50.

**The church at Omdurman**

Because of the large number of requests for classes we secured the help of one of the church women in Omdurman. She teaches half of one morning. She is a mother of five children. I have been teaching two full days and part of another each week.

*Evelyn Stewart*

## The Ministry of Teaching

**Girls Schools**
**Khartoum North**

When during the past year I have felt extra tired and overburdened or discouraged and frustrated, I have sometimes knelt down and recounted my blessings. Among the many is good health and not only I personally, but teachers, school girls and workers have kept well. What a blessing!

I give thanks for faithful teachers—all Christians, I believe born-again Christians. They don't have enough training; they're not all energetic; there are those who have little initiative; but without exception they are grand women and girls and among them are some outstandingly fine school teachers.

The school girls have shown a greater curiosity concerning the outside world than in former years. They have been more interested in having lectures by speakers from outside the school, a very good one having been on the recent elections. They have been less hesitant about giving helpful suggestions concerning changes they would like in the school and have made progress in helping to bring about these changes. The little boarding girls, too, are more anxious to share in what is going on in the world outside the compound than in other years. I attribute their greater demands for outings and picnics to widening of interests rather than to boredom and the increased number of tin cans and bits of broken china necessary for the mud pie business and for keeping house in the unoccupied chicken pen and the scraps all over the yard left from doll dress-making are signs of industry rather than untidiness. They are precious girls, big and little, and we thank the Lord for them.

We often get annoyed, yea, exasperated with the dust which the janitors leave in the corners and on the shutters and under the cupboards, with their lack of a sense of neatness and orderliness, but when we kneel before God and remember that all of these lads have confessed Christ, even those who are of Moslem birth, and that they are, without exception, loyal and lovable, we praise the Lord for them.

Usually at least one of our twenty-eight faucets is leaking, some of the bricks from the wall are falling off, pipes are leaking

or stopped up, even recently-laid cement floors are cracked, window panes broken—to speak of only minor items of taking care of property—one feels he could spend all his time trying to keep the premises neat and in good repair and that the burden is just too heavy. But then we think of our blessings and give thanks for such amenities as running water, electricity and modern buildings.

During the year we enrolled 907 pupils in our schools at Khartoum North. We need American helpers to train the teachers, to take hold of our God-given opportunities with these children and also to teach the older girls, but after Mrs. Deemer left at the close of April we had no American help. However, the Lord provided one helper from a sister Mission in the person of a young nurse who needed a home here in Khartoum while she studied Arabic for a time before going to her work among the lepers in the Nuba Mountains. She was a tower of strength in every way.

Mrs. Ellen Smith Theobald also took three classes four days a week and with what confidence we committed the girls preparing for the Cambridge Exam to her capable tutoring!

It was my privilege to assist in the establishing of the Children's Home and to help take in several older children and four tiny under-nourished infants and watch the latter grow into sturdy babies under Sitt Elizabeth's care. There are now nine children in the Home. There are a number of regular subscribers here in the Sudan to the support of the Home, which depends entirely upon voluntary gifts, and many gifts have come from America.

Our relationships with the Sudanese Government officials have been cordial and they have helped us in many ways.

We have continued to have the privilege of teaching the Bible daily to all pupils in our schools.

No other year of my life have I been more conscious of direct answers to prayer nor more impressed with the wonder of the fact that God loves us and uses us in spite of our shortcomings and limitations.

*Marguerite M. McClellan*

Variety was the keynote of 1953 for me, both in work and in location.

**Atbara**

In April I completed my fourth term of Arabic study in Omdurman. After a vacation in Egypt and the Holy Land, I went to Gedaref to help in Bible Women's work. Though I had observed the Bible Women in their work, this was my first experience in doing any teaching. Some of our pupils were especially keen in their interest in the Bible lessons. Older women as well as the younger ones were learning to read and write.

I also helped with the Sunday School choir, and weekly women's meeting in Gedaref.

The work in Gedaref is challenging, and it was not easy to leave it in January to come to Atbara. However, the opportunities for a witness here in our girls' schools are many, and I just pray that I might be used to help meet them during the few months I shall be teaching here.

*Ruth Wilson*

**Omdurman**

The year of 1952-1953 I spent in Atbara as headmistress of the Girls' Schools there. It was a most enjoyable year. I like to be busy, and that desire was filled to overflowing there. During that year we had our highest enrollment of 630 pupils. There were innumerable problems among the pupils and teachers, but it was wonderful how the Lord managed things for us there.

In September 1953, Mary Jane McKnight returned to Atbara as head of the schools. My time was spent in trying to raise the standard of teaching in the lower grades where most of our pupils are. Our enrollment is such a shifting thing, that it is difficult to maintain a high standard of teaching. Pupils are admitted any time during the year and teachers are always trying to bring up someone who has just entered with those who have been there the entire year.

We organized an Alumni Society which meets once a month. The main purpose of this society is to keep the graduates close

The Girls' Boarding School, Khartoum North

to the school, and to continue our contacts and opportunities to give them instruction, religious and cultural. For the first time since I have been in Atbara, we have a Women's Bible class. We meet following the morning church service. Several of the women are illiterate but they do what they can. We studied the books of the Bible, memorizing them and then trying to get a general idea of what was in each book, before we studied them in detail.

In December I came to Omdurman where I entered the language school. I am thankful for this unexpected opportunity to be free to study Arabic again without any teaching responsibilities. I hope to complete my fifth-term examination at the end of April. Then I shall have just one remaining examination which I hope to complete before my furlough in 1956.

In about two weeks I am to go to Khartoum North where I shall take over while Marguerite McClellan is on furlough. I have been spending as much time as possible over there in order to learn how things work. It is such a large and important institution that the prospect of being responsible there would quite terrify me, if I weren't sure of a Help who faileth not. Please remember me in prayer as I go to this work.

Vacation plans for this summer are uncertain. If conditions permit I plan to spend a few weeks in Egypt, but if it should not work out that way I shall be happy to remain right in Khartoum North where there is plenty to keep me occupied.

I thank God for all His goodness during this past year, and I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Women's Board for their support and prayers for the work and the workers here.

*Rosaltha Kenagy*

**Omdurman Literature & Language School**

The year 1953 marks the real beginning of Literature work in the North Sudan. What had been done before formed a foundation on which to build when literature became the primary appointment.

With the help of a part-time national a considerable amount was done toward building up the library which furnishes the books for lending to the seven churches of the area. These were distributed through monthly visits by car to the tri-city churches, and quarterly exchanges of books in the outstation churches. Most of the exchanges in the outlying places were made through personal visits of the literature secretary or the national helper, although some was done by parcel post. Such trips had to be done by train. These visits to the churches furnished not only an opportunity for taking books, but for presenting to Sunday School workers methods of audio-visual helps, and showing filmstrips and slides to church groups.

The Literature Festival was the first such event which we hope will develop into a yearly affair and will be a means of introducing Christian literature to an ever-widening constituency.

In some points of the year's work we have failed, but feel our failures have pointed out what will be better ways for helping church libraries to be more active and efficient. Reading contests have been tried and not been very successful but here again we have had the opportunity to learn by the trial-and-error method.

Encouragements come in various forms. For example: being mobbed on Sunday morning by enthusiastic children whose desire for books keeps us busy supplying the demand, or one church library in particular which has run such an active library that it makes us know it can be done.

Translation work in process was still unfinished by the end of the year but we look forward to its completion in the near future. In this line and many others we get glimpses of the many avenues which the work may take as time goes on. May God grant us wisdom and a clear vision to take advantage of the opportunity presented by literature for evangelism and the growth of our Christian churches.

We are thankful for the Morris Minor car which has been a blessing in getting around in the tri-city area, and for friends in the U.S.A., who have contributed financially to the work as well as with their prayers.

The Language school has continued to serve missionaries from our own North and South Sudan associations as well as three sister missions whose workers go into areas untouched by our own. The first semester of 1953 had the largest enrollment so far. Of the 26, some were part-time, but in addition, some who had studied outside the school came in for the semester exams. We are fortunate in having had good Christian teachers to serve the school.

*E. Verna Pillow*

During the past year 19,393 services were held with a total of 64,742 listeners.

Weekly services for inquirers were held in 38 places with 88 enrolled, of whom 15 were baptized when they finished the two-year course of instruction. The year closed with classes being held in 33 places with 70 enrolled. One class is held for Moro police and their families show decided interest. Zande, Dinka, and Acholi also have attended.

Nasir

Two books of Bible lessons for inquirers, one welfare book, a catechism and numerout leaflets were printed. In all, 4911 pieces of printed matter were distributed.

Twenty-one joined the adult literacy class during the year, of whom five continued until they graduated, one making the new record of graduating after only 12 hours of class work.

*Ray Huffman*

We regret that this lone report was the only one received from the South Sudan when these pages had to go to press. Association was held later than in other fields.

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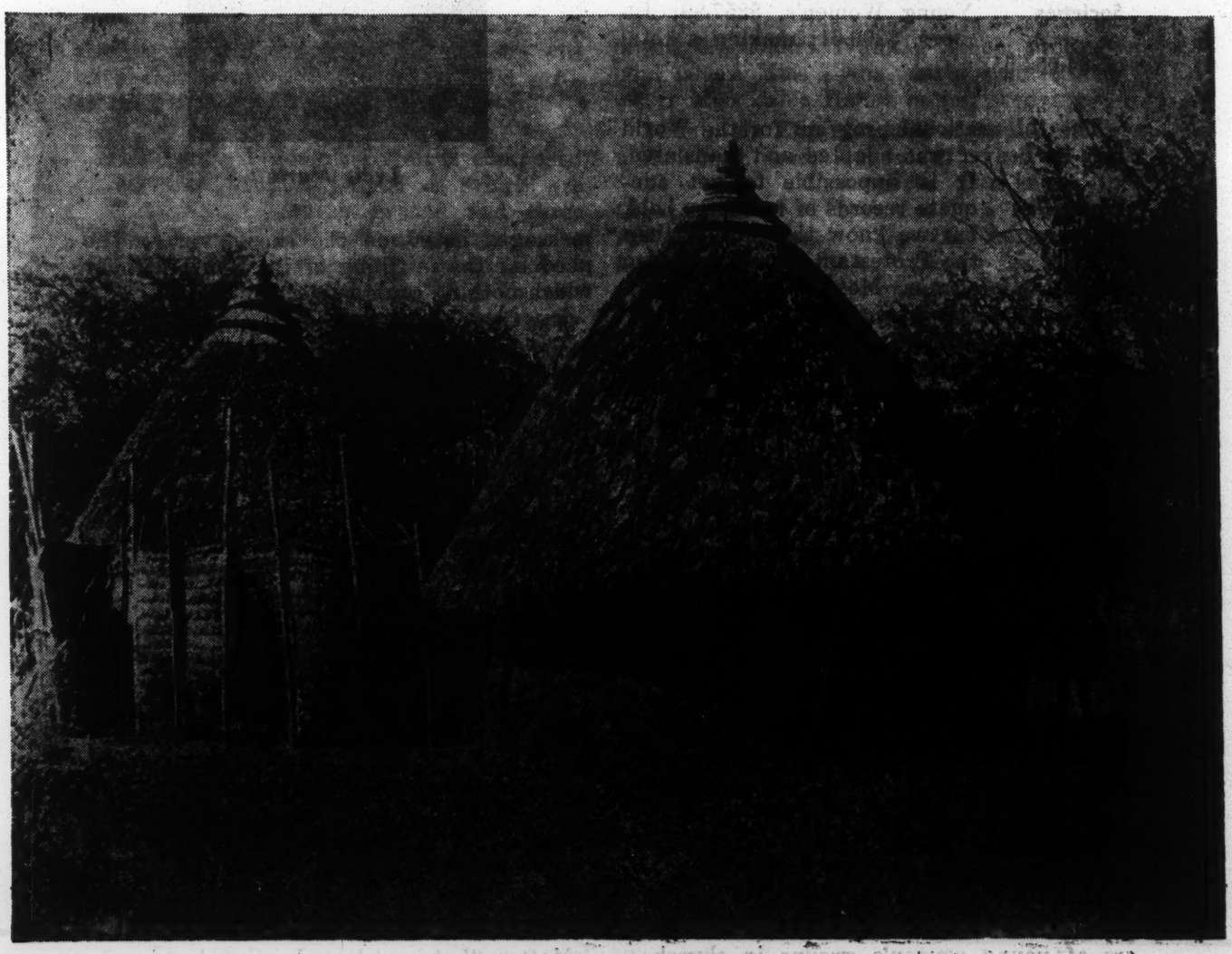

Boys at home in the South Sudan

# EGYPT

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

## The Ministry of Preaching


SUMMARY

The Bible Teachers continue to present the saving power of the Gospel to women in the homes, at mournings, and at regular weekly and monthly meetings. Some are teaching large groups of children on their day free from school. Others have groups of secondary school girls who are showing by their changed lives what the Saviour has done for them. A number are teaching illiterates to read their Bibles.


**Bible Teachers**

Women's, Young Women's, and Junior Societies, wherever organized, meet monthly. The Senior Thank offering in March, 1953, was $3,560.05; Young Women's, $257.89; Juniors, $290.61; making a total of $4,054.55.

**Missionary Societies**

The International program for the World Day of Prayer was adapted and translated. It is impossible to get adequate records of meetings held, but we know that others than the Protestant groups are also using the program. Most of the offerings were sent to the Bible Society.

**World Day Of Prayer**

The leaflet carrying the lesson for the Women's Missionary Societies continued its publication throughout the year. The general lesson theme was "Building a New Nation Under God." The lessons have all been prepared by Evangelical pastors. We hope the new National Union of Missionary Societies will find a greater use for the leaflet. Mrs. R. T. McLaughlin is carrying on this splendid piece of work.

**Missionary Programs And the Women's Leaflet**

Miss Lydia Matta sends the following report of her work among girls in Cairo:

**Youth Work Among Girls in Cairo**

1. Activities at Emmanuel Home:

a. *Summer Club for Teen-agers*:

In preparation for this summer club the girls of the training class invited the leaders of young women's groups in churches and others interested to share in a week of inspirational meetings centered around the verse "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good work." The subjects discussed were: Revival—how started, how maintained; Personal work for soul winning; Devotional

Lydia Matta

messages based on the theme verse; The need for the in-filling of the Spirit without which nothing could be accomplished.

The next week the club started with a social hour and the regular program began with the devotional committee in charge of devotional messages, Bible study, Personal Work.

The social committee had charge of games —outdoor and indoor, home making, drawing, sewing, and lectures on first aid, etiquette, how to spend your holidays, the church and social service, Christianity and psychology, and music appreciation.

The club met Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. From twenty to twenty-five were present on special occasions. Fifteen boys also attended regularly. They were from a practice training group on whom the girls in training tried out their methods in teaching. Two of the boys have joined the newest group of trainees. The summer session ended with a special program to which parents, friends and pastors of churches were invited.

b. *Winter Program for Trainees*:

Motto: "Let your loins be girded and your lights shining."

Course of Study: Christian Doctrine, Methods on How to Study the Bible, Bible Study, Teacher Training, Practical Club Work, God's Great Plan of Salvation, Singing, Handwork and Visual-aid Preparations.

During the year plays will be presented at Christmas, Thank Offering, World Day of Prayer, Easter, and other special occasions.

We are thankful for a number of pastors who give their time in teaching special courses.

The training class meets on Mondays and Fridays, with thirteen girls in the first and second classes. The eleven young women who completed the two-years' course received their certificates at a devotional program held in the Ezbekia Church on December 3. They continue to come to Emmanuel Home for a fellowship meeting on Fridays. Most of them are now engaged in some service for Christ during the week.

The children meet at Emmanuel on Fridays. The first part of the year the girls of the second-year training class have had charge; after Christmas another group will have charge of them. They received gifts at their Christmas party.

**Young Women's Union**

The Young Women's Union is composed of eighteen groups, fifteen of which are church groups and three are school groups — The American Mission School of Ezbekia, The English Mission College at Kobbah, and The Teachers' Training Institute in Zamalek. Besides their weekly meetings these groups plan special services for their churches for Christmas, Easter, Thank Offering, World Day of Prayer and a week of inspirational meetings. They also lead Sunday School and children's meetings. They are growing spiritually and in the grace of giving time, talent and money. The group leaders meet once a month for prayer and discussion of various subjects and projects.

**Training of Nationals Abroad**

We are happy to report that Miss Lydia Matta, who has been elected Young Women's Secretary in the National Organization, is to have part of her salary paid from a "Teen-age" special from America. When she takes over these enlarged duties there will be need for another trained worker for the Leadership classes. We also believe that, as this work is expanded, there will be need for other trained workers. We should plan for at least one young woman to begin training next autumn in preparation for this work. The plan is for this study to be carried out in the Missionary Training School in England where Miss Lydia Matta studied and where Miss Zahia Hanna is now studying.

**Organization of A Women's National Missionary Society**

Twenty-six Egyptian and eight American women met from August 17 to 20 at the Girls' College in Cairo in a workshop for the purpose of preparing for the organization of a National Women's Missionary Society. There were papers prepared by Egyptians, with American assistance, describing various

**Several years ago these women met for the "First Women's Conference" in Egypt Evangelical Church. Interest in Christian women's activities have brought them to their desire for a Women's National Missionary Society**

The village church has become an important center for the development of an indigenous church in Egypt

phases of the organization and work of the Women's Society in America—from Women's Board and WGMS to Junior Societies—followed by discussions which included practices and purposes of the societies in Egypt and the importance of constitutions, standards, and reports. Officers and secretaries for a national organization were elected at the last evening session, and were asked to meet with the members of the American Advisory Committee, in October, to draw up constitutions.

The Committee met at the time of the Annual Prayer Conference and wrote a national constitution, and agreed to meet again in January to write Presbyterial, Young Women's and Juniors' Constitutions, to be presented with the National Constitution, to Synod, for ratification at their March Meeting.

**Bible Training School**

Since October 8, 1953, classes have been held in McCrory Hall in Minia with eleven girls in attendance. Three are boarders and eight are from Minia itself. Miss Wilhelmina Samuel and Miss Emily Hanna are the teachers.

Much preliminary work needs to be done before the school really gets going. The staff is thankful for the many opportunities to teach the Word in the Evangelical School for Girls, the clubs for Girls, and Children's groups, and the YWCA.

We covet your prayers for this school that His will may be known and done. If the school is to fulfil its purpose to train girls who shall be witnesses for Him in this land, we need pupils. If the school is to be a boarding school, we need a building. We await His leading.

**The Ibis**

The *Ibis* has been in regular use during the past year. Again we, who have large districts to supervise, are deeply grateful for this means of reaching distant places. Conferences were held on deck, as well as meetings for women's and young women's groups. Lantern slides, Gospel records and flannelgraphs were used in presenting our message. Many church groups and meeting places were visited as well as villages.

Captain Dowie has been helpless following a stroke last April. His son, Fahmy, is acting as Captain. Christian motives as well as legal requirements may necessitate an increased budget to care for the additional expense this has called for.

*Venna R. Patterson*

## THE DREAM

*Ah, great it is to believe the dream*
*As we stand in youth by the starry stream;*
*But a greater thing is to fight life through,*
*And say at the end, "The dream is true!"*

# The Ministry of Teaching

In this century of mission work in Egypt many changes have taken place in the field of education. One important change is in the attitude toward education in general and particularly toward education for girls. Once in order to encourage parents to educate their daughters, they were paid a small sum to allow them to come to school. Now our schools are filled to overflowing with girls whose parents are willing to pay fees for their education in a land where the government provides free schools.

Our early schools gave opportunity for only a very elementary education, but today several of our schools provide training sufficient for entrance to the university and in one school, opportunity for two years of college training.

Changes in curriculum, in school organization, in teacher training and in many other ways have meant real progress to the educational system. Along with these marks of progress have come new restrictions particularly in the teaching of religion and greater government inspection and supervision in the entire curriculum.

But let us not mark progress so much by changed attitudes toward education nor by changes in curriculum and educational methods, but rather let us measure the progress of this past century of mission work in this land by the lives that have been influenced and c h a n g e d. Down through the years a constant stream of young girls and boys have entered our mission schools and after some years of training and preparation have gone forth to be leaders in every phase of life in Egypt.

The opportunities are endless and the challenge of changing lives through the power of Jesus Christ are ever before us. As we enter the second century of work in this land, the need for more laborers is acute. The fields are white unto the harvest but the laborers are indeed few. We earnestly pray the Lord that He will thrust forth those whom He would have serve Him here. Perhaps it is you, or your friend, or your neighbor.

*Sara Baker*

**Luxor Girls' School**

While our boarders have been fewer this year by ten, our total enrollment has been practically the same as last year, around 305. The top class numbers only fourteen but the others are good-sized classes. We are glad to have the upper classes quite full. Next year we hope to open the government preparatory year for university work which hereafter will be the last year of secondary school.

Our teachers were on hand early in the year. There has been little illness. Only our beloved senior teacher, Miss Mukhtara, has been ill off and on. Her voice gives her much trouble. Recently she has developed something like rheumatism. She has set herself a goal—she must call on all the girls of the school this year in their homes. She goes with Miss Sutton and me on Tuesdays to visit the older girls along with their little sisters. Another day she goes with the kindergarten teacher to visit her pupils.

After a communicants' class in the fall, three girls joined the church. In January after special meetings at the church, two more united with the church and we hope to have another class this spring.

We had the usual joyful times during the Christmas season with the teachers' party, boarders' party, special chapel programs and White Gift program to which the children brought over L.E. 19 (about $55)

and food for the poor. The same White Gift program was given at the church.

The class studying Egyptian History recently had a trip across the river to see the tombs and temples of the ancient kings. Another class visited Karnak Temple. We are fortunate to have so much evidence of ancient Egyptian history at our door.

We are planning our annual Thank Offering meeting at Armint, March 26. A Sunday School rally of all the churches in town is planned for April first and second.

Our advisory council is meeting and functioning as usual again. We are grateful for their loyalty and support.

Our branch school is full as it was last year. Were the enrollment any higher we should have to rent more space. To limit the numbers somewhat we have given priority to the little girls.

The most important program to children in any land is the Christmas one and ours surely enjoyed theirs. As a part of the program the English teacher taught them verses in English. You had to use your imagination to understand them sometimes but the spirit was right. While many are from very humble homes, yet they brought a White Gift offering amounting to nearly L.E.16 along with gifts of soap and food.

*Martha Glass*
*Inez Sutton*

**Pressly Memorial Institute**

The P.M.I. has had a good year with an enrollment of 630. Many kindergarten pupils were turned away for lack of space and also for lack of properly trained teachers to care for a larger enrollment in that department. The problem of securing trained teachers remains a major one. We hope next year to use some of our scholarship funds to send one of our graduates to the government training center in Cairo. While we would like to have teachers trained under our own direction, we shall experiment in this way since we do not have staff for our own training department.

Our pupils made a good record in the government examinations. However the standard required for success in these examinations falls far short of our educational ideals. We continue to strive to keep up standards in spite of the pressure of public opinion. More and more our graduates are continuing their education through the university. Medicine continues to attract the greater number of students, but this fall we did have one of our recent graduates enter law school. Another of our graduates has just received her degree in medicine and was eighth in a class of 130 of whom only 66 passed in all their examinations. Several of our students are following the trend of the times and are looking forward to study abroad.

About 17% of our pupils are non-Christians. For the past three years there has been a non-Christian in each graduating class. The one in the class this year has recently been engaged to be married. But she insists that the marriage be postponed until after her graduation. Both she and her parents prize the distinction of having received an education in the P.M.I.

One disappointment has been our inability to continue our piano department up to capacity. Our patrons express regret also. We hope that another year teachers may be available from America who will continue this cultural side of our program with the ability and enthusiasm to which our teachers in the past have given devoted service.

One of the cheering parts of our experience has been the support that has come through gifts from the homeland. Special appreciation is due the Wallace Memorial Church of Washington, D. C., and the Westminster Church of Des Moines, Iowa, for their gifts which care for the salaries of two short-termers, members of the two congregations. Generous gifts for scholarships and for equipment have also been received.

Our short-term staff is a most important part of our life. We cannot overestimate the influence that each exerts on the lives of the girls in the school. We shall be sorry to part with the two who are finishing their three-year term this spring and are going home. Miss Martha Sisley of New Kensington, Pa., has endeared herself to the Kindergarten and Primary children whom she has taught, and Miss Patricia Trimble of Washington, D. C., has won the girls through her work in the classroom and through her interest in their religious problems. Miss Lida Knight of Columbus, Ohio, has finished three years of service but is remaining for another year at the P.M.I.

We are fortunate in having a loyal and dependable staff of Egyptian teachers who remain with us in spite of more attractive offers financially in other schools.

Pressly Memorial Institute girls taking brooms, gifts of the C.E., to give to the owners of the homes where afternoon meetings are held

In another year the school will celebrate its ninetieth anniversary. Those who have labored here in the past have left a lasting impression on the community. We honor their memory. Those of us who are responsible for the guidance of the school now need your prayers that wisdom and strength may be given us so that we may send out Egypt's daughters prepared to meet new responsibilities toward their country and their Lord.

*Mary L. Thompson*

**Beni Suef Girls' School**

We are glad to report a good year. The Egyptian headmistress of the school has done good work in a fine spirit and so have most of the teaching staff of twelve. We believe our weekly Bible class for teachers has been a blessing to all. Graduate students appreciate their weekly Bible class on Friday afternoons, with opportunities for fellowship and social activities. Our 335 children of whom about one third are non-Christians, attend the chapel period and Bible classes. We cooperate with the local Evangelical Church in Sabbath School work. The little ones attend Sabbath School in the school and the older ones in the church. On Christmas Day a large crowd enjoyed the Christmas program in our chapel. Although many had to stand, there was fine order and reverent attention. We rejoice that many non-Christians seem to be seeking the Truth.

So that our girls may continue to receive a government certificate, we are compelled to add another two years to our course of study, one year at a time. A great deal of extra expense is involved, and will need very careful planning. We are praying for guidance and the means to carry on. Our patrons are pleased because their daughters can be with us another year or two. Thus far government officials and inspectors have been cordial and helpful and appreciative of our desire to help in the true progress of education. Sixteen of last year's graduation class (of eighteen) successfully passed the government examinations. We hope the record this year will be even better, and that our girls may all become spiritual leaders for which there is a crying need here and throughout the world.

*Helen J. Noordewier*

**Fayoum Girls' School**

The year cannot be measured by the number of students enrolled in the school, nor by the number of students who are successful or failing in their lessons. Rather, we would like to measure the year's work by changed lives in the girls through faith in the Lord, by their spiritual advancement, and by their knowledge of the Word.

The boarding department, ever growing and ever crowded, gives wonderful opportunity to reach the girls in an intimate way. With morning and evening prayers, with constant contact and supervision, we are able to influence them and throughout the year we can denote real progress in their lives.

Coming from villages where the interest of the average woman is her neighbors and gossip about them, these children learn that life has a much broader scope and that "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, it is best to think on these things." These girls come from an atmosphere where taking the name of the Lord in vain is practised unconsciously

and where lying is so much easier than telling the truth even though the truth is more advantageous. It is interesting and encouraging, then, to see how these children can be taught what is right and be led to hate the evil and do good. In fact, that is the reason their parents send them to us that the children may receive Christian training.

From this boarding department in past years have come nurses, teachers, Bible teachers, and Christian homemakers. We praise the Lord for his blessing and pray that we may always discharge our responsibility acceptably so that we may have an offering of saved lives, of workers for the Kingdom, to bring to Him.

*Rachel T. Seiver*

**Ezbekieh Girls' School**

Our new short-term teachers sometimes remark that, during their first year here, they seem constantly to be hearing that one condition or another is, in that particular year, "unusual." This time it is really true; the past year in the Ezbekieh School for girls has been unusual in several ways.

There has been extraordinarily little illness and consequent absence among the pupils and an equally large amount of absence of the heads of the school. Miss Grimes had pneumonia which kept her out of school for half of November and most of December; directly after we reopened following the Christmas holidays, I succumbed to some sort of wicked germ which kept me off all duty for about a month except such as I could manage from bed. Each of us seriously complicated things for the other, as our schedule has no "slack" to provide for such circumstances.

The year has given us the largest school we have ever had. This has been a blessing, an opportunity and a problem. The fact of the blessing and the opportunity will need no explanation. The nature of the problem may need it. Our budget does not run to the salaries of well-trained new teachers, even when (or if) they can be found. We must hire the most promising untrained girls available and train them in service. The surest way to find out their successes and failures is to examine their classes orally, thus helping both teacher and pupils. But with hordes of children to examine, we meet a situation in which we hardly finish one round of examinations in time to begin another!

**School girls of Beni Suef**

Another unusual feature has been our uncertainty as to what the rules, regulations and requirements of the Ministry of Education are. This uncertainty has been unusual in degree, rather than in kind; we always have some of it. This year we have had distressingly more, because of the changed, and still changing regime.

But underneath all surface differences, the year has gone on as usual, with religious exercises to supervise, careless girls to reprove and counsel, naughty girls to punish, good ones to praise, all of them to love. And, "added to all this," the office work which "is always with us." But, as always, our chief duty, our chief joy, our chief problem, has been our girls. Some have grown and matured in mind and spirit; some have disappointed us, but there is always something more to be done for them, and, through them, for Him.

*Elsie M. French*

**Tanta Girls' Boarding School**

The Mary Clokey Porter Boarding School for Girls will be remembered in 1953 as the year in which Miss Ruth M. Williamson retired from her work as head of the Kindergarten Training School of the American Mission in Egypt. Not only has the Tanta school and community suffered a great loss by her departure but all of Egypt is missing her. Graduates of this special department are at work all over Egypt. Even in the Sudan there are those who benefitted greatly from her six months' sojourn there.

It is hoped the Board will soon find it possible to send a person to fill this vacancy so that this highly essential work

may not be discontinued long. The longer this department is closed the harder it will be to reopen. Promising applicants for the course had to be refused this year but we had hoped to be able to continue it next year when with the return of Miss Mary C. Thompson from furlough, Mrs. Sara Baker could be freed to carry it on. But other needs on the field are so pressing that the Association voted at its winter meeting to transfer Mrs. Baker to the Pressly Memorial Institute in Assiut the coming year. The harvest, indeed, is plentiful but the laborers are few.

1953 will also be remembered as the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of this school. The occasion was observed on December 3 when commencement exercises were held and many graduates returned to receive their diplomas. Every five years a home-coming similar to this is held. And so the work goes on, year after year, no year very different from any other as we all seek to work together in the effort to love others as Christ has loved us and to carry out His command to "preach and teach" in His name.

*Eulalia Grether*

**Mansura Girls' School**

The words equipment and teachers tell our immediate needs. Crowded classrooms describe our present conditions. The Christians are the minority of the pupils and thus the opportunity is great among the 640 girls in the school. Government regulations are observed as to religious instruction. Therefore, only the Christians are given regular Bible lessons, but this does not mean that others do not hear the Word.

Little Azeeza had seen the Christmas story portrayed in tableau. She heard the carols and appropriate portions of Scripture read. The following morning little Azeeza seemed to be preoccupied. Suddenly she asked these questions: "Is it true what was read yesterday about that Man Jesus? Did they really prophesy about his birth? I was told by Miriam that He died for our sins, He arose from the dead, and is really alive today."

Answers were given to her questions and she seemed satisfied As she left the room for recess, Azeeza stopped the teacher and said, "That Man Jesus must be a bigger man than our Mohammed. He did not die for anyone and is still dead. I would like to know more about Jesus."

This experience might be duplicated in the lives of the 200 little girls who listened to the reading of the Christmas Story as well as watching it portrayed.

Material needs are great but spiritual needs are greater. We need to live Christ in the classroom, the office, and the playground.

*Frances Patton*

**Benha Girls' School**

The Benha Girls' School continues to serve a number of Christian and Muslim families in Benha and environs. We are especially glad to have a larger number of new girls from outlying villages. In nearly every case the father is the "Umda" of the village, that is to say, "the mayor." We have visited some of them and hope to visit the others before school is out. We hope that these girls may bring others from their villages to our school next year and that our influence will go out into many villages of the Delta.

It is gratifying to see how anxious people are for their girls to come to school and to do well in school. We continue to deplore the lack of trained teachers and the fact that so few want to become teachers. They just want to go to school.

We are as usual following an adapted government course of study, thus our students, in case they have to change schools, can go anywhere in the country. For many years we have given our own promotional exams in our girls' schools but this year we are waiting for word as to whether this privilege is to be continued. We welcome inspection and inspectors but are snowed under by the reports that they demand, especially when the same ones are asked for over and over.

"Is it worthwhile?" a church official and world traveller asked me recently. He asked this question knowing the limitations and difficulties and percentages in enrollment. I answered as best I could that we still feel that our schools provide training not found elsewhere, and that the Master, as He went about, fed the multitude, took children on His knee, attended a wedding, and sat by a well and used an outcaste to win her village. So we go on, in faith, too weak at times, but confident of this thing, that He who hath begun a good work in you (and me) will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

*Lois D. Kingan*

# The Ministry of Healing

**Tanta Hospital**

The year 1953 has been a good one in our Tanta Hospital. The new hospital building is in full use. There has been a steady addition of needed equipment and personnel. At present the numbers and efficiency of our staff is at an all time high. Financially the hospital is just solvent. The cost of the new building project is paid, except for the portion of contract money held back until the end of the contractor's responsibility for the new construction.

During the past year we have enjoyed a very happy cooperating arrangement with the American Navy Research Unit in Cairo. In this arrangement we have received much help with our pathology and have put at their disposal valuable research material in connection with the problem of endemic biharziosis.

The religious aspect of this Christian ministry of health and healing is seen in various ways. Regular visiting of patients goes on in the name of Christ and His Church. Chapel services welcome all those made aware of a need for group worship. We rely greatly on audio-visual presentation of the Bible message. The nursing staff carries on its own Bible study program, and prizes occasions of individual witness. A closer approach to the life of former patients as well as present staff is a compelling motive in prompting "follow up" visits and the sympathetic adjustment of personnel relations.

One girl completed the course in nursing and was graduated in September. A new class of four entered training in October. The syllabus of our course of study has been filed with the Ministry of Health. An inspectress has visited the hospital. We have reason to hope this will result in government recognition and registration of our graduates. May we again urge upon all members of the Mission who deal with girls, to keep before them the possibility of this field of service.

**Assiut Hospital**

Assiut Hospital wishes to report a successful year of medical and evangelistic work. We are especially thankful for the addition to our staff of Miss Lois Giffen, Miss Ruth Romaine and Miss Ruth Brooks and also for the opening of our new nurses' home. An event of special importance has been the institution of a new student nursing program requiring less preliminary education. We are happy to report a new class of seven students who will be a great asset to our work in the near future.

*Medical Committee*

# The "Book Nook"

**MOTHERS OF AMERICA**
**by Elizabeth Logan Davis**
**Fleming H. Revell, Publisher. $2.50**

The mothers of such diverse, world-famous personalities as President Eisenhower, Samuel Clemens, Henry and William James, Wilbur and Orville Wright, Henry Ward Beecher, Karl and Arthur Compton, J. C. Penney, the Mayo Brothers, Mary Margaret McBride, Dr. Ralph Bunche, Walter Reuther, Dr. Frank Laubach, James Whistler and others, shared many traits in common, says Mrs. Davis in her new book, *Mothers of America*, one of the first books concerned with the mothers of famous people.

When asked to suggest a specific list of common traits which might be useful not only in raising normal and happy children, but in combating the rising tide of juvenile delinquency, Mrs. Davis said a "check list" might include:

1. Courage.
2. Encouragement of children's creative abilities.
3. Moderate discipline.
4. Religious beliefs in accord with those of the father, including Bible teaching, prayer and church attendance.
5. Mothers were "rulers" in their own households with a sense of God-given authority.
6. Emphasis on "servantship" of life and not on money making.
7. Provided, from necessity, plenty of useful and satisfying work for children even at a young age.
8. Encouragement in self-determination with freedom for experimentation and decision.
9. Generous in hospitality.
10. Accessible when needed by their children—home-bodies, yet with a social, out-reaching spirit.

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# ETHIOPIA

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

## The Ministry of Preaching

**Addis Ababa**

The evangelistic outreach to the girls and women of our community has continued through the Bible School and Daily Vacation Bible School. Each Sabbath morning a Bible School is held on the Girls' School compound with approximately 75 girls and women in attendance.

Each Tuesday a group of women gather for prayer. At this same hour there is also a prayer meeting of the older girls of the school.

A two-week Daily Vacation Bible School was held on the Girls' School compound during August. Ato Gutama Rufo ably assumed the leadership of this school, assisted by one of the teachers of the Girls' School and several other Ethiopian young people. Attendance averaged about seventy.

An effort was made to have a communicants' class. However, the girls who were interested in making public confession of faith were not permitted to do so by their families.

*Ruth McCreery*

**Sayo**

This year Miss McGeary made two evangelistic trips to the Sadi area. With the exception of Bible classes and women's and girls' prayer meetings, most of the evangelistic work is carried by the Evangelical Church.

The evangelistic work is mainly carried on by the Bethel Evangelical Church. After more than a year in Addis Ababa working on the church case, Rev. Gidada Solan returned to Sayo, having succeeded in obtaining permission from His Majesty for eight of the churches to open. On November 23, 1953, this paper was presented to the local Governor who at first said that witnesses should be brought proving that these eight churches had been opened before the Italian occupation of Ethiopia.

After being assured that such were not needed, the Governor wrote the orders that seven of these churches should open. It is expected that the first of these, Bethel Church, will open December 13.

This year some funds have been spent to make more benches with backs for the church on the compound.

*Isabel Blair*

**Garden Boy at Sayo**

**Gorei**

The work with the women has progressed as usual with the exception in regard to the meeting for the weekly prayer service. Instead of meeting in various homes week by week we now meet in the church, a more satisfactory arrangement. With the help of Esther Saboka the women have been studying the book of John.

Work with the younger women and the girls has been a joy. About eight teen-age girls have shown definite interest in the program. After the school bell on Tuesdays the girls come to the church for a sing. This informal time has proved a blessing to all of us. On Wednesdays they again come for the weekly prayer group and social time. As with the older women we are studying the book of John which has been a good channel for the story of salvation.

The other contacts we have with these young women and girls is through the Sabbath School class. The girls and boys of the same age meet together, both holding offices in the class. We are studying the book of Genesis. It is a great satisfaction

to see the obvious interest of these young people.

The future plans for the women and girls is to start another project to provide a more informal contact, a sewing class. There already has been a desire for it and beginning plans made.

*Mrs. Murray Russell*

**Ghimeera**

All of the homes in the workers' village have been visited and all of the women attend regularly the Wednesday afternoon meeting at the Mission. Only two of the women are of the Ghimeera tribe, the others being either Galla, Kaffa or Wallamo. Since all are trying to learn Amharic we conduct our service in Amharic though we sometimes make explanations in Galla, then the women discuss the subject among themselves in Kaffa and/or Ghimeera. Following the service the women and school girls have a handwork lesson. All have learned to knit and sew simple seams and some have begun simple embroidery designs. Three of these women attended school last year and learned to read; home duties now keep them busy so that we have only young girls in school.

A women's prayer meeting was begun a few months ago, meeting in the various homes each Friday afternoon. Hada Terfe, from the Sayo area, temporarily living at the Mission, was instrumental in organizing this meeting and in encouraging women to take part in the prayer service. Of the ten women and three young girls who attend these meetings, all have at some time offered prayer, a very great step for them. Following their meeting they serve their guests the usual salt-flavored coffee.

*Mrs. Ruth L. Walker*

## The Ministry of Teaching

**Addis Ababa**

Growth and progress in the work of the Annie Campbell George Memorial Girls' School has continued to be evidenced during the past year. With the opening of the new school year in September, 1953, an eighth class was added for the first time. The enrollment went above the 150 mark, and as in previous years many children were turned away because of lack of facilities to accommodate them. The volunteer service of several foreign ladies has continued and this help with the teaching of our upper classes has been greatly appreciated.

We rejoice to see the beginning of the new auditorium and classroom building which has been started within the past few weeks. When completed, it will greatly alleviate the crowded conditions of our classrooms and the physical difficulties under which we conduct our chapel services. We are thankful, too, that within a few weeks the new school service will be completed and ready for use.

We regret that no public professions were made by the school girls during the year. However, a deep interest in the things of the Lord has been manifested and we believe that real decisions for Christ have been made within individual hearts.

*Ruth McCreery*

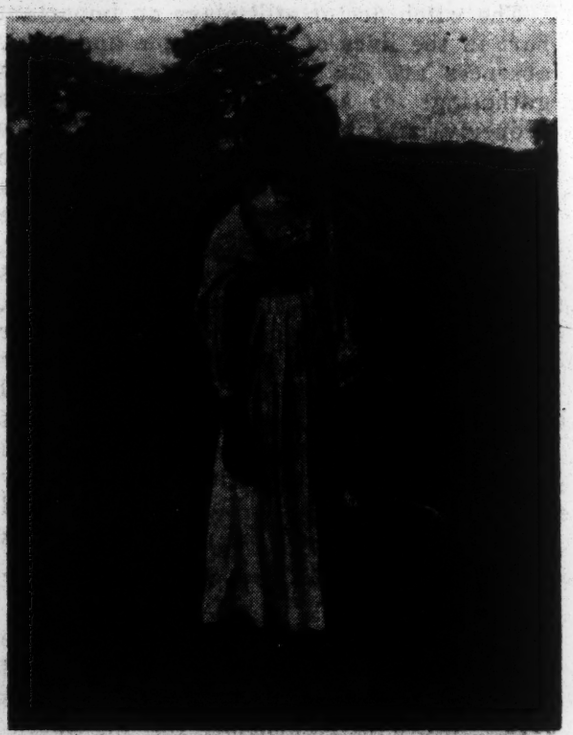
**Ghimeera**

Since it has been difficult to interest girls in coming to school we have had only those who live in the workers' village. One girl had been in school in the town of Mizan Tafari for a time before coming to the Mission but hadn't learned the alphabet, but she soon mastered it when she got her hands on the "Pink Primer." We believe she is future teacher material. Several of the boys have sisters whom they promise to try to influence to come to school. We are finding here, as in other stations, that we have to "sell" education for girls. Three of our girls are approaching marriageable age and every opportunity is being used to bring them to a decision for Christ before they must go out from us to establish homes for themselves.

The temporary school building blew away early this year, so classes were held on the veranda of the new residence from early February until the end of the term, July 23. With the beginning of the new term, the school was moved to the veranda of the temporary house near the new residence, the assembly room being the one large room of this house. Two Ethiopian teachers and one American furnish the teaching staff; Kebede Daba of Gorei is head teacher and Kebede Seyoum, born in Mizan Tafari and speaking the Ghimeera language, helps with the translation of services on Sabbath and

Ghimeera School, 1954

A Ghimeera music instrument played by a school girl. Note the construction from materials available to the people



Solomon was the first child baptized at Ghimeera mission. His Galla mother was formerly a worker in our School for the Blind

The three Russells — Fred, Dorothy and Rev. Murray, also Hazel McGeary with Sayo people now helping in Ghimeera, plus one Ghimeera lad

in the school, and teaches the intermediate class; the American teacher has the alphabet class and all three teachers use the "Priceless Pink Primer." There is an English class in the afternoon for one teacher and a pupil who is a prospective teacher, a boy of the Kaffa tribe who has been in school since the beginning and is very promising. Not everyone is permitted to pioneer in education twice in her mission career. Let it be said that it is pure joy to see development here. As yet it has not been possible to have more than the morning session of four hours; a full day's schedule will come later as it has in other stations in the past. On the roll are 18 Ghimeera children, 7 Kaffa, 1 Maji, 1 Wallamo, and 1 Galla. The attendance this year is good. The gift of a basketball from Mrs. Pollock, as well as the work put in by Fred and Murray Russell installing this playground equipment is much appreciated.

The witch doctor still plays an important part in the lives of these people and many absences are due to having to attend his gatherings or take a turn guarding his property and harvesting his crops. The father of one school boy committed suicide after having tried to kill two of his wives with a knife; this man had attended the burial of his brother, also a witch doctor, two months before and we were told his mind had not been clear since that time. Following his death no one would go near his hut until another witch doctor could be found who would kill a cow, skin it and wrap the body in the skin for burial. It was four days before one could be found who would perform this rite. How we pray that Konni will find his Lord here in school and will not carry on the profession of his father and uncle. *Mrs. Ruth L. Walker*

**Sayo**

This year the Matthews School for the Blind made progress in setting up a board of five to run the school. This board is responsible for the operation of the school and boarding department, for spending all money and for keeping accounts. Since Miss McGeary went to Maji in October, Mrs. Cremer has supervised the boys' handwork and Miss Martha Maxwell has daily visited the school to attend the sick and give out supplies. Without the valuable help of these two missionaries and the Board, we do not see how we could have kept the school running.

This year there have been 23 students varying in age from three years to thirty years. Three blind teachers and two who can see for handwork make up the teaching staff. New handcrafts such as rug weaving have been added.

During the year one of the teachers who found the Lord at the school has taken training in the communicants' class, confessed his faith and united with the church.

During the summer vacation the three blind teachers were sent to Gorei for the Government teacher training course with beneficial results. *Isabel Blair*

**Sayo**

The 1953 report for Sayo would be almost a duplicate of the 1952 report; one change is in the finances of the school. The students paid $878.00 Eth. in tuitions for the fall term and part of the other two terms for this year. During the same period last year they paid $269.00 Eth. The amount paid this year is more than half the amount which will be paid out in teachers' salaries during the first term and is a substantial contribution toward the total expenses of the school which, including salaries and supplies will be about $7,000.00 this year.

The second change is in the management. Last spring we asked the Church to appoint an Advisory Board for the school. Presbytery appointed a five-man Board which includes three men who live in town nearby and two men who represent the two largest outside districts which contribute to the Church: Sadi and Amphillo. A pastor, the director of the local government school, an experienced clerk and a local ruler in Sadi are on the Board. All are strong evangelical Christians. This Board met and organized itself this fall. Afterwards they called us to a meeting and discussed ways and means of helping the school boys who live on this compound. With money available for the purpose Miss Blair offered to pay the salaries of two women cooks, and the Board with authority from the Presbytery promised to bring grain as it is collected from members of the Church.

Later members of the Board spent a day observing the work in the school. They have taken responsibility for advising concerning the teaching of Amharic, the general welfare of students, and the procurement of teachers.

The Board has received an approximate accounting of funds received and spent in the school. At the end of this fiscal year they will receive a full accounting. Although the Board at present does not administer funds the members are better able to advise us if they are taken into full confidence. At the same time they are being trained for later, fuller responsibilities.

The Board has expressed itself that we

try to give the best possible education to fewer students, rather than to try to give a little instruction to many. We agree with this general policy and plan to limit the school to eight classes, one for each of the elementary grades, or to an enrollment of about 250. The reopening of the Church schools will make this possible without too great hardship to the Church. The present plan of the Church is to send only the best students to the Mission school while teaching others to read and write in the Church schools. With eight Ethiopian teachers who are continually studying as well as teaching, and with two missionary teachers we shall be able to keep our standards up to Government requirements.

Since about half of the present student body comes from non-evangelical homes the school has evangelistic work to do. Keis Gidada with the Board and other pastors is helping us plan a week-end Spiritual Life Conference for December. We rejoice that our present school staff are spiritually-minded Christians who work and pray with us for the salvation of boys and girls and for their spiritual growth.

*Marguerite Lienard*

## The Ministry of Healing

Maji

This year in the clinic has been a busy one. Over and above the ordinary run of patients, we have had recurring epidemics of eye infection. When we heard that smallpox was raging in one of the villages not far from Maji, we sent for vaccine. We vaccinated the Maji people, who were cooperative in taking it, and those in the surrounding country for some miles. Also two treks were made to the Teshana people in Shasha and Bachuma. Concurrently there was an epidemic of measles and then of whopping cough. Maji has not had such a year of contagious diseases since we began in 1948.

When Mr. Russell left Maji to take over the Treasurer's work, Miss Halewood was sent to join me in the work in Maji and arrived June 18. We worked together until October 23 when Mrs. Russell and I left Maji on the journey to Addis Ababa, my leaving being in accord with the orders of the Executive Committee.

At the airport we were happy to meet the new reinforcements for Maji and rejoice that, at last, there will be a representative from the indigenous church doing full time evangelistic work in Maji. The Maji people always listened gladly to the morning services in the clinic but now, with a fellow Ethiopian to counsel with them and to open up the Word of God to them, we shall be hearing of great things done in their lives. We have prayed for this for years and now rejoice that the Lord has graciously sent the answer to our prayers in the person of Keis Terfa Teba. May he be mightily used in this service.

We are glad to report that the Lord has continued to restore to health almost all who attended clinic this year, even as He has done in the past years. Truly miracles have been wrought in many cases. We continue our prayers that there may be speedily in Maji a real ingathering of souls to the glory of our Lord and Saviour.

The statistical report for the year will be supplied by Miss Halewood with whom the records have remained in Maji.

*Nessie F. Pollock, R.N., S.C.M.*

**People in Maji, Ethiopia, need The Great Physician**

**Maji**

From a well-staffed, up-to-date hospital in America, the writer was suddenly plunged — or so it seemed — back into the jungle and clinic of Maji, Ethiopia.

Surely, even Alice in Wonderland cannot claim to have had all the advantages of, and the last word in, adventure.

Yet, there it was, the same little mud building, but the compound was looking more attractive. Due to the efforts of Mrs. Nessie Pollock, flowers were in abundance. What changes did one expect to find after an absence of twelve months? The same old familiar faces appeared. The same familiar diseases were well represented. There were, however, physical changes which gave the appearance of an economic improvement calling for explanation. Gold —there is gold in the mountain districts of Maji and the industrial project of mining the gold now absorbs the lives of many of the tribespeople. Those previously naked now wear clothing and even shoes, and receive a relatively substantial wage.

Surely herein is the basis for an economic and social revolution in the midst of these primitive tribes. Herein a tremendous challenge in the spiritual realm.

There is gold in Maji! We are there to seek this gold for the treasury of our King. The gold we covet is the hearts of men and women, already prospected and purchased at a costly price, even His death on the Cross. We need to see the fields as God sees them. The philosophy of sheer materialism and the things which can be bought with gold are winning signal victories against the Christian way of life in all parts of the world. Let us remember, the heathen world does not present a challenge that God cannot solve. His power is still omnipotent.

Statistical Report, Class VI, Maji

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| Attendance | 1043 |
| New patients | 3372 |
| Total | 4415 |
| Intravenous Injections | 534 |
| Intramuscular Injections | 1135 |
| Penicillin | 197 |

(Local)

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| Total Expenditures, Cl. VI | $ 77.10 |
| Total Receipts, Cl. VI (to Nov. 25) | 1,370.80 |

*Eileen Halewood, R.N.*

**Gorei**

The number of treatments at the clinic has been a slight increase over the 12,498 of the preceding year. Because of a typhus epidemic at Gorei and many other places throughout the province, we have given more than 3,000 typhus inoculations this past year. During a visit to the Mission, the Mayor of Mattu expressed a desire for the medical personnel to visit his city for the purpose of giving typhus inoculations and other medical care to the people there. Preparations were made for going to Mattu, but at the last minute the officials of Gorei prevented us from doing so. This coming year we plan to ask the Governor General, who seems to be a friend of the Mission, for permission to go to Mattu for medical work. This will be combined with evangelistic work. Amharic records will be used, together with other Gospel messages. A friend has offered us a building to use.

Dr. Cremer's visits to Gorei the past year have been much appreciated not only by the patients whom he has helped, but also for his medical advice. A number of patients have gone to Dembi Dollo for further treatments. Those who are poor have been given financial assistance.

On Tuesday afternoons the mothers bring their babies to the clinic. Some new ones have been added to the enrollment. The improvement in the physical condition of at least some of the children is encouraging. Milk is being given to the poor babies who need it.

*Ruth C. Beatty, R.N.*

## WGMS SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES

### EGYPT

Mrs. Don Armstrong, 1951 ..... Tanta
Miss L. Vernelle Blair, 1952 ..... Cairo
Miss Ruth A. Brooks, R.N., 1953 ..... Assiut
Miss Mildred M. Cooke, R.N., 1951 ..... Assiut
Miss Eloise Crabbe, 1952 ..... Assiut
Miss Lois R. Ellifritz, 1950 ..... Cairo
Miss Lois A. Giffen, R.N., 1952 ..... Assiut
Miss Emogene A. Golding, R.N., 1952 ..... Tanta
Miss E. Marion Greenleese, 1951 ..... Assiut
Miss Dorothy E. Hagman, 1951 ..... Cairo
Miss Rosella M. Hutchison, MN., 1951 ..... Tanta
Miss Bessie B. James, 1952 ..... Tanta
Miss Catherine M. Jamieson, 1952 ..... Cairo
Miss Lida L. Knight, 1951 ..... Assiut
Miss Marilyn R. Law, R.N., 1952 ..... Tanta
Miss Sara Jane Nesser, 1951 ..... Tanta
Miss Ruth L. Nolin, 1951 ..... Tanta
Miss Rosemarie Otte, 1952 ..... Cairo
Miss Ruth Romaine, 1953 ..... Assiut
Mrs. Alma P. Ross, 1953 ..... Tanta
Miss Martha E. Sisley, 1951 ..... Assiut
Miss M. Patricia Trimble, 1951 ..... Assiut
Miss Mary Elizabeth Wilson, R.N., 1952 ..... Tanta

### THE SUDAN

Miss Martha I. Pollock, 1953 ..... Malakal

### ETHIOPIA

Miss Anna H. Ens, 1952 ..... Box 1111, Addis Ababa

### UNDER APPOINTMENT

Miss Marjorie L. Feenstra, R.M.T., 1954 ..... 2181 44th St., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

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# PAKISTAN-INDIA

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

## The Ministry of Preaching

**Sangla Hill District**

Ever since the days of Partition when Christians were so remarkably kept in the midst of danger, every village sings part of Psalm 91, "Thou, O Lord, art my refuge. . . . He will give His angels charge over thee." Even isolated and ill-taught groups sing it in grateful remembrance of His keeping.

It has held new meaning for me since last March, when there were "disturbances" because the "fundamentalist" Muslims sought to have the "modernist" Muslims declared a non-Muslim minority, with strikes and riots following. When returning from Presbyterial in Sargodha, I came by bus to Lyallpur, only to find no trains running to Sangla, because rioters were stopping all trains outside the station. I waited hopefully for four hours, then suddenly had a conviction that I must leave and walk to the compound. At the main entrance of the station troops were standing at attention with bayonets fixed. A few minutes after I walked past them, the firing began in which several were killed and the rioters subdued.

That same realization that "He shall keep thee" has come repeatedly this year. Recently a tire blew out as I was driving on a canal bank road. A narrow stretch of road lay behind and another ahead, but the blowout came at a nice, wide spot where there was not danger.

*Frances E. Brown*

**Women in Sialkot District**

**Sialkot and Zafarwal Districts**

The regular touring has been done in the past year. There were congregational Bible Schools in 17 places. In many villages there are devout women who set the example for their neighbors in having the family altar; their zeal for the Lord stands out among their sisters. In Jarmian Singha, a large group of women came walking four miles to our meeting. Their children sang and recited Bible verses before the large congregation and their young women sang a Christmas number. It is one of our backward churches.

Many opportunities are at hand for evangelistic work with Muslim women who crowd around for medicines and listen to the Bible teachers as they faithfully give the message.

This year the Bible teachers' retreat was held at Zafarwal. Each day they went out two by two into non-Christian villages and homes. Since that evangelistic effort, we have had more invitations to come again than the two Bible teachers and I can accept. Another special meeting was the pastors' wives' retreat, where our sisters of the manse met and discussed their problems, prayed together and were inspired by messages from one another. The results have been in their revived zeal for Sunday school work and Adult Literacy.

There are six Mission girls' schools in this area. Bible memory work is stressed, and in every school little girls' voices may be heard singing and reading. There are also some government schools for girls in other villages, but no Christian teaching is heard there.

At our door lies the large and growing Sialkot City with many open zenanas. Please pray for us, as there are only two Bible teachers and myself for this task. The first church, the first girls' school, and the first converts were in Sialkot nearly a hundred years ago.

*Mrs. J. C. Alter*

**Rawalpindi City and Cantonment**

During the working days I spent in Rawalpindi, 338 calls were made and 73 meetings were held in the city and cantonment area. Some days I travelled twenty miles or more by bus, tonga, or car. The car made it possible for me to stop at villages going and coming from Campbellpur.

One call was made under peculiar circumstances. One day a middle-aged gentleman stopped me and asked me to call on his wife. They came here from Ludhiana in 1947. She knew all the folks at the Mission hospital. Because of the joint-family system there were eight women in the home the day I called. They and all those who came from India in 1947 are looking for love and fellowship. May we be zealous in telling them of the God of love, and in holding up Jesus the Christ that they may be brought to God through faith in Him.

When we think of our boarding-schools we usually think of the training the teachers are giving and the girls are receiving. This year I have realized that the teachers themselves are being trained to become Christian wives and mothers. A number of mothers have taught in Mission boarding-schools. Their homes are Christian, and their children are being brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

There have been knotty problems and sorrow, but a great deal of joy this year. May the joy of the Lord be our strength.

*Margaret Fehlman*

**Sargodha District**

We are partners in the work of the Kingdom. Your part is to pray and give, and ours is to pray and work. We have the advantage of seeing the results first hand.

I want to share a few of the thrilling moments that have been mine.

Seated on a cotton rug in our yard are twenty-five women. These are the city women who do the "dirty" work in the city homes. The lesson for the day centers around what we can do for God in return for the gift of His Son to us. Watch the glow on their faces and the light in their eyes as they realize God has given them this humble and humbling work so that they can get into otherwise closed homes to witness by life, if not by word, for Christ.

A few years ago, a little girl had her first taste of reading with a neighbor woman who had only third grade schooling. Nawab Bibi liked reading so well she made enough fuss at home to be sent to the

**A School in Zafarwal District**

Mission Boarding School. Her school days ended just before the eighth grade exams. Let us visit her in the home of her in-laws where she lives with her two children. See how smooth she has made her mud floor and walls, both inside and outside! Look at these nicely written Bible verses on the outside wall! The greatest thrill is in the group of women and children who will soon gather to give a full program of Bible stories and verses she has taught them. She has a sewing machine and helps many of the women to do their own sewing.

A number of reference Bibles, inscribed with the name of a small boy of Pittsburgh, and made possible by his generous grandparents, have been given as rewards for memorizing the Shorter Catechism.

Continue to pray for me that I may be a faithful worker, whether there be thrills or disappointments.

*Laura Reynolds*

**Gujranwala City and District**

One thing that has given me much joy has been the chances to help one of our faithful and oldest village pastors to get a new horse. He has been threatening to retire for some time. Last summer when his old horse died he wrote, "Now since my horse has retired I suppose I will have to, for I cannot get to my villages on foot." (He is 74).

Some of his people out of their poverty helped, and interested friends of his at home sent a liberal gift. The next thing the Lord did was to send a man who said, "I have a horse for sale and I am selling it to you and to no other." His price was much more than the money in hand, but finally the price was altered and the Padre Sahib has a strong and gentle helper.

It was good to see the love the two had for each other, as we camped in his congregation for about three weeks. In this

circle we were able to visit thirty different villages and show pictures of the life of Christ six times. The quiet reverent way that Muslims as well as Christians listened to the message of the life of our Lord has been impressive and gratifying. Often after seeing the pictures, some non-Christian has asked for a New Testament or Scripture portion. And so the feeling grows that there is a harvest riper than we think from among these yet called non-Christian. These experiences and other recent experiences have been duplicated many times. As I was cycling to a village over a very rough path the need for directions gave me an excuse to speak to some men. When I offered them a book, the older one said, "I have a complete Bible and I read it daily." Further conversation showed that he was not only reading, but thinking seriously, on the things that he read. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest.

*Louise Scott*

**Sheikhupura District**

There is nothing in my life that can be compared to the thrill of receiving my first missionary assignment. The relief of having my first year language examination finished, the uncertainty of whether the villagers will understand my Urdu, and the deep hope and prayer that God will somehow use me in winning people to Christ, and in strengthening the church in Pakistan—these were my feeling when I was assigned to district evangelistic work two months ago.

On October 30, I went with Miss Laura R. MacLachlan to a village near Pasrur. Our "tent town" was set up and a literacy school opened. The great desire of the Christians to read the Bible made them ideal pupils. It was a joy to watch their progress from the primer stage, until they could finally read John and Mark. Best of all was watching the change from a word-by-word struggle to a verse-by-verse comprehension of the spiritual truths which they read.

The time we spent in that village passed quickly. How I thank God for that opportunity to see what Christ has done and is doing in His church in Pakistan and for the first-hand observation of the difference Christ can make in the everyday life of a villager. My first full year in Pakistan, 1953, ended with this village experience. I could not have had a better start in my missionary career.

*Dorothy B. Roberts*

**Campbellpur, Attock District**

Though I am the only missionary in Campbellpur this winter, I am not alone for two well-trained Bible teachers work with me. We are using flannelgraph pictures to try to make plain the way of Salvation. While the Glassmans are on furlough we are making use of the Ford to visit nearby villages, but are waiting for reinforcements before going into the far corners of the district.

We went to Hazro to visit the Christian headmistress of the government school, who, for seventeen years has usually been the only Christian in that village. We did not find her, but we were welcomed by the Muslim teachers and given tea. We are contacting these teachers again when we visit the villages. There are only ten girls' schools among fifty villages.

We have been able to give comfort to one of our neighbors in Campbellpur, a Muslim mother whom we found weeping because her month-old baby girl had a harelip. Her husband, who is a doctor, tried to assure her that an operation would make it all right, but most of the Muslim neighbors only laughed and made fun of the child. We gave the name of the American doctor at the United Christian Hospital in Lahore, who has done many such operations. After the Bible teacher had prayed, the mother said, "What a wonderful prayer! I wish I could pray like that." There used to be many arguments when the Bible was read in her home, but now this mother listens with much understanding and no arguments.

If any one wishes to spend his life in a work that is rewarding, let him join us in preaching the Word of Life and Light in the midst of darkness.

*Helen V. Weede*

**Pasrur and Badomali Districts**

Last year we mentioned our lack of missionary personnel in these districts. We have keenly missed Mary Kyle who endeared herself to Pasrur for 48 years, and Lois Boyd who did much for Badomali though there but a short time.

This year, however, we are thankful for the return of some of our former fellow workers: Jean Black to the Girls' Boarding School with additional assignment of women's work in Pasrur District, and Marie Cash with her travelling dispensary to camp among the needy village people.

In Badomali, Mrs. Nazir Alam (Shakuntla known to many of you) is back from U. S. A.

and is a wonderful help in the women's work in that field.

The economic condition of our people is still very low. We fear that many of them often go to bed hungry. We are expecting some small share of the American free wheat soon, perhaps a little for widows and orphans only.

Even though times are so hard, people, in various places are trying to build churches. In one village, with great pride, they showed us their little mud church which they had built almost entirely themselves. The women had plastered the walls and floor and put up colored-paper Christmas decorations. In another village, last year the people were getting materials ready to build a church. When we asked this year about it, the women said, "We just can't afford to build the church yet, but we have made a worshipping place on the church site and have plastered it, making a smooth clean floor. We are praying and hoping to have a real church someday." Will you pray with them that their church may soon be built and that in many other villages churches may be erected?

(*Mrs. E. V.*) *Emily M. Clements*

**Lyallpur District**

There has been a gradual growth in the Christian community of this district. Viewed year by year it seems small, but in six years it has gained nearly 3,000 until it has now passed the 10,000 mark. These are cared for spiritually by twelve pastors and evangelists. There is also an increase in the number of adults learning to read and in the number of children attending school both boys and girls. Two village schools serve eighty children and about 300 are in Government schools. Consequently, the community is becoming more literate.

A new economic effort is being started. Many heads of families are depositing money, hoping to get a 20-year lease on land to be watered by tube wells, which it is hoped, government will help install. There are tracts in the district too high to be watered by canals. If each man can have 12½ acres to farm it will insure him a steady income. Our Punjabi Christians enjoy farming, but they are being squeezed out of that occupation. The proposed tube-well scheme will be an effort to help, as is the Thal scheme. Many have gone into other occupations. A large number come by cycle even from villages several miles away, to work in the cotton, flour and other mills of Lyallpur.

(*Mrs. W. H.*) *E. W. Ross*

**Thal**

Government has given land in a second Thal circle of villages so that 111 more settlers from various districts and missions now have land to farm. They have not built their houses, as the sites have not been demarcated, but have planted their winter crops and had rain. We hope that by spring the canal water will be available, so they can build houses and plant summer crops.

Water is available for most of the 190 settlers in 1st Thal circle. Land is good in both Thal circles. Now with an available water supply they can make a comfortable living. Would that these may be so thankful they will always remember to be good stewards and to give God what is due Him.

*E. W. Ross*

**Literacy**

The high lights of literacy work are the completion of three, two-month schools in three different presbyteries. We have found that about twenty-five per cent of the original ones enrolled can read well in John or have finished it. We usually find a few who have left school in the first or second grade or have read some adult primer. These generally finish two Gospels. About twenty-five per cent more are just ready for John. Twenty-five per cent of the originals drop out. About twenty-five per cent of the ones who are on the roll at the end of school are the late comers who are only in the first or second primer.

One of these schools was the first attempt of a new teacher in a backward area; the second was the first attempt in a purely village situation by an experienced teacher, and the third the joint efforts of an experienced teacher and myself. We are leaving the teaching in the hands of the more advanced pupils. In one case an advanced pupil has promised to teach a non-Christian who has become interested because of the daily prayer meetings in this section.

The first two weeks of teaching prove dull, then we begin to hear such remarks as these: "We are using the 'Story of the Cross' (second reader) in family worship." "Oh, I read about the picture you showed last night in John's Gospel."

We are thankful we are leaving some established habits of worship in the form of daily group prayer times; family worship; and a flourishing Sabbath School in Qila Sobha Singh. The superintendent is one of our best literacy students.

Praise and pray for this rather new work which has many difficult situations.

*Laura R. MacLachlan*

# The Ministry of Teaching

**Girls' Middle School, Gujranwala**

There are 390 girls on roll this year, out of which 115 are Christians and the rest Muslims.

We begin our school work with prayer. Each class has a Bible period which all the girls attend regularly. For each class we have a Bible course which they complete within a year.

In the infant class, the children know the Bible stories so well and take so much interest, that at the annual inspection in their story-telling period, they at once start with the Bible story.

The Christmas drama was staged this year also and we had such a big crowd that some of the visitors had to stand.

The Middle Standard Examination results this year were very good.

*R. Karm Din*

**Girls Boarding School, Sangla Hill**

As far as the school is concerned, 1953 ended when the boarders started off for their various trains December 22, saying, "May the Christmas be a blessed one for you." Three times during the year, they have gone happily off for vacation to return as happily when it was finished. In July there were 182 to be sent off, but this time only 178, as some had to drop out because their parents could not pay the nominal boarding fee we charge. Some of our girls will be glad to get back January 6, for here they are sure of enough to eat!

There are 10 Muslim girls in boarding to whom the love of Christ and their love for Him and all that is Christian is very real and precious. The parents of one who is a great problem at home frankly say, "We do not know what you do with her there, for if she acted in school as she does at home you would not keep her at all." They would think I was merely trying to please them if I should tell them that this girl scarcely quarreled with her little sister here the last three months, let alone beat her as she does at home. And so Christ reveals His power to shape character through the influence of those who are His own.

Last night as our students were leaving the hall after having received instructions about the morning trains, one girl whispered to me, "We haven't said our verse." So again they took their places while we reverently prayed together Genesis 31:49. While this shows consciousness of God's presence, it does not prove that they are models, for in that group were two girls who had stolen money from a teacher's room three days before.

The ten Pakistani teachers on our staff and the school nurse join me in the request for your prayers to continue for us that Christ may be so preached and lived that our students who are in boarding and our 150 day pupils may grow into his likeness.

*Margaret L. Murdoch*

**Lyallpur Girls' School**

We give thanks for the opportunity of witnessing for Christ through our city school where 172 children have their Bible teaching daily along with other subjects. May the 82 Christians being trained there always remember they belong to Christ and the 90 Moslems receive the teaching of the five Christian staff members and the witness from the teachers and their schoolmates until they believe. Several children have won Government scholarships to help in their further education.

*E. W. Ross*

**Girls' Boarding School, Pasrur**

There are 175 boarders and 150 day pupils in school at present. We are thankful for the good health of the girls, for medicines are scarce and expensive due to import restrictions. The teachers deserve great praise for the way in which they carried on the work of the school when Miss Boyd was ill and could be with them very little.

The Christian Endeavor and Sabbath School Conventions met in Pasrur the first week in November. The school housed the women delegates. The convention stressed the importance and need of having Sabbath Schools in the villages.

Two teachers and six of the older girls go regularly every week to three small villages near the school to conduct a Sabbath School. They work patiently gathering the people together for the service and teaching them to do as much as they possibly can for themselves.

Fifty-three girls united with the church during the year.

About forty girls received special training in teaching illiterates. During their summer vacation they all worked in their villages and a number succeeded in getting their readers through the primer.

We had our Christmas drama four days before our December vacation. It was shown twice to a full house. No one seemed aware that the angels wore their wings upside down!

*R. Jean Black*

**Girls' Normal and High School, Sialkot City**

This past year has seen a number of changes in staff. Miss Hewitt left on furlough just after the girls had returned for the new year in April. Miss Joseph who had taken the Normal work in Miss Williams' absence left to be married in summer vacation time. Miss Edith Williams returned early in October from her trip to the U. S. A. Miss Allison was located here after the Annual Mission meeting the end of October. What a lovely time of welcome we had for both of them!

We started the year with 176 boarders and 216 day scholars. Many and varied are the activities. The last day of the calendar year started a refresher course here for teachers of all of our Mission schools, whether the school is in one of our villages or in a city, or whether the teacher works in primary, elementary, secondary, or normal school. Most of these teachers had studied in our Sialkot school at some time. Practically all teachers of classes one to five had been trained in the Normal School here. Others had been in the regular school. They saw many changes. The educational and inspirational program, planned by Ruth Ardrey and Edith Williams, was full and valuable. The staff of the school took care of the dormitories and the food arrangements. So a happy throng of 100 Pakistani teachers scattered on the fifth of January to go to their respective places of teaching. We trust the renewed enthusiasm will be evidenced in the work of the year.

Progress in the lives of students in the school is well illustrated by one we shall call Nazir. She came into one of our upper classes about two years ago. She seemed capable but her energy was directed in ways not beneficial to herself or the school. After she had been before the dormitory council for the third time for a particularly bad habit, we prayed for her especially. She had a dream and her ways were changed. She is now helpful in a healthy way to her classmates and the school. Thus, God works for us and with us, as we wait before Him.

*M. Evelyn Cathcart*

**Kinnaird Training Center, Lahore**

Kinnaird Training Center still continues to train teachers for the higher classes of our elementary schools. We are disappointed that Government, in an effort to produce more teachers at less cost, has reduced the training period from two years to one year for high school graduates. There is so much we want to pour into these ten precious months of training that we almost fear over-feeding may result in indigestion!

Irene Nur Alam of Sargodha

Book knowledge, child study, principles and methods of teaching along with actual classroom practice are minor details before the larger issues of creating hungry minds, encouraging a deepened spiritual experience and arousing a desire to serve in the spirit of Christ. It is good to work with those who will be in places of leadership in many scattered places. In the end there are never enough teachers trained to fill the needs of the different Missions' schools which co-operate in the support of our Training Center. The present class has 13 Christian girls and 21 Muslims.

There have been opportunities to work with Daily Vacation Bible School and Youth Groups in Lahore, and not a little time and effort have gone toward helping establish our first U. P. Church in Lahore. Located as it is, by the railway station, Kinnaird Training Center naturally becomes a "house by the side of the road" for many missionary and Pakistani friends who have to come to Lahore on business of various kinds, and for this opportunity to be of service and to share in Christian fellowship with the many who come and go, we give thanks.

*Ruth I. Ardrey*

**Hajipur Girls' Boarding School**

Have you ever wondered how it feels to be a first-year missionary in a strange land where everything is different? After a year on the field and looking back, I can see more clearly some of the things that make up the first year.

Coming to Pakistan was like opening a fascinating story book and stepping between its pages to become a part of the story. All of the strange sights were seen as pictures and the moving mass of people as projections on a screen. Gradually, I became a part of this scene, and things, which at first had been very different, now began to seem ordinary and common.

Language plays one of the most important roles in one's first year. The greatest part of each day is devoted to it, because now the missionary is learning one of the most important lessons of her career—the art of communicating with the people. For ten full months my life was dedicated to this task. It seemed as though we ate, slept, and moved with it. Everywhere we turned it was there, demanding our attention, whether we wanted it or not.

I have been assigned to work in Hajipur Girls' Boarding School and am learning to become a useful missionary citizen. I am also learning to use this strange tongue as a tool in ministering to the people.

*Marie Allison*

**Atari Day School Sialkot City**

The headmistress of this school felt a call to another of our Mission schools. The teacher of our third class was chosen for her place. This new headmistress has proved capable and the school is progressing nicely. Miss Hewitt had the supervision of this school, so on her deparature on furlough one of the highly trained high school teachers undertook this work and is visiting it regularly once a week.

Paper being most difficult to obtain as well as prohibitive in price the problem of valuable visual education is solved in a unique way. The inside walls of the courtyard are plastered with mud. Then ordinary dye is used for the color to make attractive charts of vegetables, fruits and animals studied, as well as Urdu, arithmetic and other informational materials. So there is brightness and beauty instead of a cheap-looking brick wall!

The good average attendance as well as the interest of children and mothers testify to the worth of this little school. Their programs are always well attended. They had farewells for the headmistress and Miss Hewitt and welcomes for the successors and Miss Allison. There was a Thank Offering program, a Christmas one and others. The message of Christ enters the homes of these bright-eyed Primary children.

*M. Evelyn Cathcart*

**Pakistani children**

# The Ministry of Healing

**Taxila Hospital**

1953 will long be remembered in Taxila as the year of great sorrow and yet of great progress. Early in the year we were shocked by the sudden death from polio of our evangelist, Rev. H. J. McGuill. Mrs. McGuill flew home for a short while, but is now back in our midst to carry on the women's work. In November the Sutherlands came, and Reverend Mr. Sutherland has become hospital evangelist and superintendent.

We have started a big building program made possible by gifts from home. New staff quarters for our growing hospital will replace the old inadequate ones that are constantly falling down faster than we can keep them repaired.

We have prospects of getting a Pushtu-speaking evangelist soon. A young Pathan from tribal territory on the Afghan frontier has accepted Jesus as his Lord and is a real witness among his people. He has spent some time in our hospital caring for his father who had a series of plastic operations on his neck. While here he had opportunity to receive more teaching and to witness to many of his fellow Pathans. In the cold weather most of our patients come from the Afghan Border area, as did this young man. We are anxious to make our message effective for them as well as for the Urdu-speaking people. Pray for this young man and his family, especially his father who is still a Muslim, that he may accept the Saviour, after listening to the stories of "Life Eternal" for four months in the hospital.

*Mary Lentz, R.N.*

**A hot day in the Jhelum Compound**

**Good Samaritan Hospital, Jhelum**

All except three weeks of 1953 I spent in the Good Samaritan Hospital. One day a young man who was trying to interest me in his company's brand of medicine asked the meaning of "Samaritan." That gave me an opportunity to tell the story of the Good Samaritan, and to lead on to the plan of Salvation. I have often taken time to talk to the representatives of the medical firms, partly to get information and samples of medicine, but especially to get an opportunity to present the Gospel message.

December 10 found me happy to be back in Pasrur to return to my village work, but sometimes I remember with nostalgia some of the women both in the in-door and out-door departments. I remember their words of appreciation when they found relief from pain. Two very appreciative Muslim patients were married to the same man. When morning prayers closed the older of the two always joined in the "Amen."

My most pleasant memory of the time spent in the hospital is that of the opportunity to witness to the saving power of Christ before the little group of in-patients. Because of shortage of staff, I had little time to witness before the outdoor patients, but before starting the day's work we took time to have a worship service in the wards, leaving the Message to the out-patients to be given by the Bible Woman. Many listened well. May the spoken and printed Word accomplish that which He wills.

*Marie E. Cash, R.N.*

**Good Samaritan Hospital, Jhelum**

The nine months of this year spent in the home land have been happy ones among relatives and friends. Especially, delightfully interesting were the days at WGMS in Des Moines, Iowa, and then through the Presbyterial that partially supports our work here in Jhelum. Getting to know the women of our home churches is very helpful and inspiring and I have returned rested and refreshed.

I count it a great privilege to return to Jhelum and again serve Him through our hospital here. We are greatly handicapped by lack of staff and supplies, but we are grateful that we can continue our work of giving physical and spiritual help to those who come to us daily.

*Evva P. Hartig, R.N.*

Patients on the veranda of Mary B. Reid Memorial Hospital

**Memorial Hospital Sialkot**

As I was on my way to supervise one of our newest student nurses give a bed bath and back rub to a rather ill patient, the "door man" hurried toward me, a peculiar expression on his face.

"A man has just been brought who hurt his leg a month ago; it is all rotten and foul smelling." (No wonder he wrinkled up his nose!)

I hurried out to get a brief history to report to the doctors who were busy with a major operation. The poor patient was lying on a little native bed on which four friends had carried him from his village fifteen miles to the nearest railway depot, then again from our depot three-fourths of a mile to our hospital. His leg was literally "swimming" in pus and the door man had not exaggerated the stench.

"How did it happen?"

"A *sowaga* (heavy board about three yards long, sixteen inches wide and eight inches thick, pulled by a yoke of oxen used to smooth the fields after plowing) fell on my leg and broke it between my hip and my knee."

"Why didn't you come *at once?*"

"I was too poor, I couldn't afford the cost here. I just did whatever anyone who came along told me to do."

"Are you rich now that you have finally come?"

"Oh, no, poorer, but neighbors raised enough for my fare here and a little extra."

What a tragedy that the reputation of our Memorial Hospital, Sialkot—once known far and wide for its generous and even free treatment—has deteriorated to one too expensive for the poor! Of course we treat and care for free patients—no one is ever refused admission because of lack of funds—but we try to get payment from as many patients as possible no matter how little and often this involves quite an argument. All this because hospital expenses have gone up 300 per cent due to the terrific increase in the price of medicines and food, whereas help from abroad has not increased at all. When I first came here twenty years ago, a patient paid four cents a day for food and now thirty-three cents doesn't cover the cost.

If this poor patient had come at once, his bone would have been well on the way to mending by now. Whereas by waiting he is now so infected that the doctor wonders whether it would not be best just to amputate at once instead of trying to save the leg. He will try and will use expensive antibiotics, but who will pay? This poor patient can't!

*Evelyn McKelvey, R.N.*

**Soliloquy**
**Memorial Hospital**
**Sialkot**

I am the most changed and the most beautiful room in the hospital. That's what everyone says who visits the hospital. I used to be a big, empty, uninteresting room where only one man worked. But now—I have a laboratory technologist from America and a girl learning to do laboratory work besides the man. Imagine! Three people! See how important I have become!

When they started making benches and cupboards, putting in big fluorescent lights, and painting everything so nice and pretty something was said about having students. I was beginning to get worried and thought maybe there would be none. Then one day

Nursery School at play, Sialkot Hospital

I saw a pile of typed forms, and heard someone say four students would be coming next July. Now I am happier because there will be more people using me—some of them learning a brand new profession for this country—but there is still something that makes me sad. There is no office for the laboratory technologist, and only the two classrooms that the nurses use. Besides, I heard the technologist tell the doctor that they need more microscopes and other equipment to teach students, but that there is no money for buying them. They thought no one was listening, but I heard them talking. They said all the doctors from other Mission hospitals needed trained laboratory workers, but had no one to train them. Since we have someone who could train them and a nice new laboratory (that's me) then we should have a training school. But how can we train people without more equipment?

I couldn't answer their question — I thought everyone from America was rich —that's what people in this country think! But if they can't even buy equipment for teaching people, maybe they aren't. I'm sure, though, that the Church in America that sends missionaries out here to tell the people of this country about the Saviour of the World and to demonstrate the love of God in hospitals will help us out in this need, too.

*Josephine L. White, Lab Tech.*

**Mary B. Reid Hospital, Sargodha**

Although in many ways 1953 was the most difficult of the thirty-one years I have worked in the Mary B. Reid Hospital, yet a Muslim man of wealth asked: "Why do you not get a government grant and build several more rooms? This is the hospital we like best, and more of us would like to be accommodated here."

As a neighbor man was taking his wife home after she had received prolonged treatment he said: "You live up to the good name which Mission hospitals in general have. We have only praise for the treatment received here."

We had a doctor only five months of last year, and experienced many difficulties, but certainly God was with us, and we come to the close of another year with only praise and thanksgiving in our hearts.

We now have a doctor who has just received her M.B.B.S. degree from the Punjab University, Lahore. We are thankful for her and pray that her stay among us may be a blessing to all. She met Mr. Noon, the Punjab Minister, in Lahore. He told her that when he would come to his estate at Sargodha, he would give our hospital a generous grant.

We have a table with Scripture portions on it. Men sit on benches around it and read while their wives are being treated. They seldom leave without taking something home with them. The Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mission Society is faithful in supplying the salary of our good Bible Woman. She sells more Scripture portions than any other Bible Woman in our Mission.

We are thankful to all who have given special gifts for the hospital. We could not have managed without them.

*Frances Lincoln, R.N.*

Refugee child finds health at Sialkot Hospital

# The Three Stations in India

**Pathankot District Evangelistic Work**

The Christians in Pathankot District are few and far between. They often make that as an excuse for not giving as they should to the support of their zealous, enthusiastic pastor. Regardless of whether they give to his support or not he faithfully goes to all at their beck-and-call. Many times he has said he wishes he were several instead of only one.

It is not long since he (Padre Nasim) and my Hindu motor driver went into a certain section of this district to look for an ox to replace one of ours that had died. When they returned after a long day together the driver was telling me where they had gone and all whom they had met. He finished by saying: "If all the Christians lived and practiced their professed religion every minute like Padre Nasim does it would not be long before every person in India would be a believer in Christ as Saviour."

Shortly before Christmas we were invited to a foot-hill village to celebrate with a worship service and a feast the birth of a son in the family after four or five daughters. So much was being made over the baby son that when I was asked to pray at the worship service I gave thanks for the baby boy and then prayed that people would not make an idol of the child but that they would also remember the daughters in the family and send them to school for an education. Afterwards the Padre Sahib laughed and said, "Miss Sahiba, you never forget that you are working for the women and girls, do you?"

*Vivian L. Trimble*

**Gurdaspur District**

It continues to be a joy and a satisfaction to tour this district during the winter months. How warmly and enthusiastically we are greeted upon our arrival at the proposed camping site! How kind and gracious are the Punjabi villagers! It is a blessing to be able to minister to them in even a small way, and we know that our visits are appreciated. Again I give thanks for my Bible Woman who faithfully brings the Word in song and story to women and children. The village women have little to brighten their lives, but her visits must be a thing they remember for many days.

Last year ten camps were made and in nearly every village (90 to 100) where there are Christians the Word was preached. As most of these services are outside in a courtyard many non-Christians gather and also hear the Message. Some listen with real interest. To me there is no greater thrill than watching these gentle folk as they listen to the Word of God.

**Gurdaspur District children**

This year we will have two new circles to tour. After the camping season we go into non-Christian work—working out from the house whenever and wherever there is opportunity. We thank you for remembering to pray. Continue to pray that we may be faithful to Him whom we serve.

(*Mrs. J. M.*) *Dorothy McKelvey*

**Women's Work, Dhariwal**

Because of disagreement and divisions among the Christian people in this community there has been very little definite progress in women's work in Dhariwal this past year. The Women's Missionary Society is still functioning in a rather weak way. Much prayer is needed.

However, there are bright spots and there is hope that there will be unity and love among the Christians here. The women teachers of the two schools and other women of the community have been meeting weekly in the home of the missionary for games, tea and fellowship, followed by Bible study. From this group has come leadership for a Junior Missionary Society which has met monthly since November. There are usually four or five groups of children from nine to fourteen in each group. There is usually a Bible story or an object lesson on some particular verse of the Bible. New songs are taught the

children and there is emphasis on learning verses of the Bible. After the lesson the children make an object related to the lesson and write the memory verse upon it. One day the children made "the wordless book" and were given opportunity to recite the verses about salvation. Another time a bell with a long clapper was made of paper and the verse "Keep thy lips from speaking evil" was written upon it. Since the clapper is called a tongue, and in the vernacular a long tongue means one who speaks evil, the verse was aptly illustrated for the children.

The women will soon be making plans for spring Presbyterial. May there be a good spirit and a profitable meeting.

(*Mrs. L. A.*) *Etta McCulloch*

**Dhariwal Mission Girls' School**

This is the cold season in Dhariwal. The sun does not shine very brightly. Often the mornings are foggy and cold. Sometimes a cold rain falls making everyone want to find the warmest possible place. In spite of cold weather the Mission Girls' School is crowded with busy, laughing girls. Since there is no compulsory attendance or a truant officer to check on those who do not care for school, the large enrollment shows that Indian parents are eager for their girls to attend. The girls come trooping in every morning laughing and joking in the way common to school girls the world over. Some of them wear thin, cotton Punjabi suits without even a warm sweater. However, in this town where the majority of people work in the woolen mills even the smallest children in the second class learn to knit. Results of their handiwork can be seen in the intricate patterns of the sweaters the older girls make, down to the scarfs the little ones knit.

The school day begins with chapel. The children sit in the courtyard in orderly rows upon small benches six inches or less from the ground. There is always much singing in any religious gathering among Punjabis and our school girls sing the psalms and hymns with great gusto. The teachers take turns leading chapel. The little children of the first two classes have a separate chapel period.

The problem of language crowds our curriculum as we have two sections of every class. One group will be doing Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic in Gurmukhi (Punjabi) the regional language while another group will be doing the three R's in Hindi which is being stressed as the national language. Another difficulty we have is finding teachers of Christian character who know Hindi well as nearly all our Christian teachers had their education in Urdu which is still used in Christian circles. It will be years before we will have really good Hindi educated teachers. However, our school is working toward this aim of producing Christian character in the potential teachers and leaders of India.

(*Mrs. L. A.*) *Etta McCulloch*

**John & Jane Denham Memorial Avalon Girls' H. S. & Training Ctr., Pathankot**

In February, 1953, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Avalon School. We had a fine time with the few graduates who were able to return but sorry that none of our Pakistan "Old Girls" could join us. Many of them expressed regret that they couldn't get across the border to join in the celebration. We had a lovely letter from Mary J. Campbell who started the school. This was read and it was voted to send greetings to her. The Old Girls also voted to start a Jubilee Fund for the building of a School Chapel. What a joy that would be!

Our efforts to nationalize made further progress this year. In January Jai Kaur Ishwar Singh, who has been principal of the Training Center since 1950, became principal of the High School as well. She has taken charge of all the academic work and is doing fine work. Since the school is used by the Training classes for observation and practice teaching, it is good to have one person in charge of both. The teachers have accepted the changeover and are cooperating well.

We lost our senior teacher, Miss Datta, in June. She had been our head mistress and we were sorry to have her go for she had been here many years. A good M.A. trained teacher joined us for the Training Dept. in October and we like her very much. She is experienced and capable. From this month she becomes assistant to Miss Ishwar Singh. One teacher left to get married last July and another leaves next March for the same reason. Cupid sometimes works havoc with us.

Our new recruit, Dorothy Neff, arrived in January and taught in the Training School until March. Since then she has been in Landour and Allahabad for language

study. We will be happy to welcome her back next April for a couple of months and then from next September we will welcome her with open arms to a full share

**Second-year Training Girls of Pathankot High School with Miss Vida J. Graham and Miss Ishwar Singh**

in the work of the school. Miss Ramsey will return from furlough then also. We have missed her this year.

Since September we have had the help of a Fulbright grantee. She has been working in the Kindergarten School and will be with us until the end of the school year in March.

We have over 500 now including the 130 in the Kindergarten School (Kindergarten and 1st Class) and the 34 in the Training Department. Classes are too large and classrooms too small. A teacher can really not do efficient work with 50 in a class.

This year's Government examination results raised our spirits for all our Matriculation candidates passed and also all our Training Class girls. This is the first time we have had 100% pass since Partition and we hope that we can keep it up.

Christmas programs put on by various departments of the school were really beautiful this year and well done. We gave the main program two nights.

The Training Department is making good progress. We have some lovely girls in the two classes. Our great desire is to send out good teachers—those who will be an honor to the teaching profession and an honor to their Master in every way.

*Vida Graham*
and
*Jai Kaur Ishwar Singh*

**Elliott Dispensary Pathankot**

The Nurse and Bible Teacher have been faithful in their work in the dispensary this year. As it was new work for me they have carried much of the responsibility and have done it well. Two new dispensaries have been opened on the road beside the Elliott compound and have given us competition which resulted in our number of patients decreasing. Free medicine was a big temptation. Nowadays they are coming back to us rather shamefacedly saying that the medicine was no good, that the dispensers were unkind and that they did not get helpful teaching along with the medicine and treatment as they do at the Mission dispensary. The Bible Woman says that more women are coming back with sick friends just to listen to the Bible lessons and to see the picture grow on the flannel-board. I am usually surprised at the end of the month to find out how many Gospel portions have been bought by interested women. Let us continue to pray that Elliott Dispensary may be the means of leading many to the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

*Vivian Trimble*

**Avalon Kindergarten School**

# Tributes

*"All those who journey, soon or late,*
*Must pass within the garden's gate;*
*Must kneel alone in darkness there,*
*And battle with some fierce despair.*
*God pity those who cannot say:*
*'Not mine, but thine'; who only pray:*
*'Let this cup pass,' and cannot see*
*This purpose in Gethsemane."*

### Mrs. Elizabeth Rockwell
### Mrs. Vallie Rankin

The Women's Missionary Society of the Hasson Heights United Presbyterian Church of Oil City, Pa., wishes to pay tribute to the memory of two of its beloved members who were called to their heavenly home during the past month. They are Mrs. Elizabeth Rockwell, who passed away on January 10, 1954, and Mrs. Vallie Rankin on January 24, 1954.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rockwell was a charter member of the Hasson Heights U. P. Church, the Women's Missionary Society, and the Ladies' Aid Society. She was a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society as well as Trank Offering Secretary from the time of the Society's organization. Mrs. Rockwell was also a Sabbath School teacher for more than 25 years, and will long be remembered by those whose lives she influenced. She was one of the faithful workers in the small Union Sabbath School which flourished over the years and ultimately became the nucleus of the present church established on Hasson Heights.

Mrs. Vallie Rankin was a member of the Hasson Heights United Presbyterian Church, the Women's Missionary Society, and the Ladies' Aid Society. Her kindness and quiet Christian life won her a place in the hearts of all who knew her.

Both Mrs. Rothwell and Mrs. Rankin were true Christian mothers. Their faith and trust in God is a memory we shall always cherish. Their devout Christian lives will always be an inspiration to all who knew them.

To their loved ones we extend our sincere sympathy.

The Committee

### Miss Margaret Irvine

The members of the Americus, Kansas, WMS wish to pay a loving tribute to Miss Margaret Irvine for her life of service to the society, church, and the community in which she lived. She was a Life Member of the WGMS, and was active in work as long as her health permitted. To her loved ones we extend sympathy and commend them to Him who said, "I will not leave you comfortless."

Committee

### Miss Anna P. Scott

The Christian Women's Association of Sherwood Church, Philadelphia, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of a most faithful member, Miss Anna P. Scott. She had been a member of the Sherwood congregation for 29 years and was a very faithful member of the Women's Bible Class and the Women's organizations. She received the summons from her Lord after she returned home from attending a monthly meeting of a Bible class. She had planned to go to Florida the next day, but she was called to come to a "better land."

She was very unassuming, doing each task in a humble way. We will miss her presence, but rejoice in her promotion where she is serving her Lord day and night.

Committee
Mrs. Margaret Huish
Mrs. Agnes Shepp
Mrs. Helen Lewis

### Mrs. Florene Banks Meier

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Clarion, Iowa, wish to pay a tribute of love to the memory of Mrs. Florene Meier, called to her heavenly home in January.

She was an enthusiastic teacher of a youth class, took an active part in WMS and all other church activities. Her ever-ready wit, even during her lingering illness, will always be remembered by all who knew her.

To her husband and 12-year-old daughter, Susanne, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Clarion WMS

### Mrs. Ceola McKnight

The members of the WMS of the Eskridge, Kansas, United Presbyterian Church wish to pay loving tribute to a faithful member, Mrs. Ceola McKnight, who passed to her heavenly home December 23, 1953.

For many years she was a much-loved teacher in the Primary department of the Sabbath School, and her Christian influence lives on in the hearts and lives of others.

Her cheerful fellowship is greatly missed and her memory will long be an inspiration to all who knew her. We extend sincere sympathy to her loved ones.

Committee

### Mrs. Mary Patterson

The Women's Missionary Society of Norris Square Church, Philadelphia, desires to pay a loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Mary Patterson.

Mrs. Patterson was a charter member, and for many years a leader in Mission Study. She was active in every good work. During the past years she was unable to be present in person but was vitally interested until the very month she was called "Home" by her Saviour.

She was President of the Philadelphia Presbyterial for five years. She was a past President of the WGMS. She was lovely in life, and lovely in death. We extend our sincere sympathy to her faithful son and daughter, commending them to the God of all Comfort.

Committee

### Mrs. Pearl Martin

The Women's Missionary Society of the U. P. Church of Eskridge, Kansas, wishes to pay loving tribute to W. Pearl Martin, R.N., who was called to her heavenly home December 11, 1953.

She was a charter member of the U. P. Church, a life member of the WGMS, serving as President and Temperance Secretary, and was loved as a Sabbath School teacher. From 1904 to 1905 she was director of nurses at the American Mission Hospital at Assiut, Egypt. She had served as head of the home health division of Kansas State College for 27 years when she retired. Her example of devotion to service will ever remain an inspiration to all who knew her.

Committee

### Mrs. Ula Deemer

The Ethel K. Glenn Missionary Society of the First U. P. Church of Tacoma, Washington, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of our friend and member, Mrs. Ula Deemer, who was called to her heavenly reward January 8, 1954.

Although she had been confined to her bed and home for several years she never lost that radiant Christian outlook and her knowledge of "The Word" was as vivid as ever. Those of us who remember her faithfulness, friendliness and zest for church work, both here and at her former home in Iowa feel that the Lord would say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

We extend our sympathy to her loved ones, knowing that they can find "That peace that passeth human understanding" in their faith and fellowship in the Lord.

Committee

### Mrs. Elizabeth B. Carson

The Women's Missionary Society and the Ladies' Bible Class of the Seventh United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Carson, who passed away on December 4, 1953.

Her manner was quiet and unassuming. Her humble, unselfish devotion to her family will always be a constant inspiration. Until the onset of her long illness, she was active in all affairs of the church, ever faithful in any duty which she was called upon to perform.

We extend our sympathy to her daughter and to her sister and brother, and commend them to God's loving care.

The Committee

## GOD'S PLAN FOR HER LIFE

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We finally obtained an old building for a gym. This was a good thing, and it kept the boys interested."

"Well, I just had to help out wherever I was needed. We tried to get many types of work started. I walked all over the country, teaching mothers to care for their babies, giving medical aid, and trying to overcome superstitions and opposition to new ideas and ways of doing things. One year many children were suffering from tonsilitis, mostly because they waded the creeks barefooted in cold weather. We arranged to have a doctor and two nurses come in, and passed the word around that we would remove the tonsils of all ailing children. At first no one came . . . but at last one family brought the children, and others followed. We had them bring bed springs, which we cleaned and covered with several clean quilts. Through fear or mistrust the parents were concerned for their children, and stood on the stairway watching the operations and then remained to peer in the windows at night, as though to see that their little ones were safe in the hands of these strangers. It was a busy three days, for we performed 87 tonsilectomies in that time."

# AMERICAN MISSIONARIES UNDER THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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Miss Elsie M. French, 1909 ..... Cairo
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1921 ..... Luxor
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Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926 ..... Benha
Miss Helen J. Martin, 1915 ..... Cairo
Miss Jeannette L. McCrory, 1916 .....
..... 37 Sidi el Metwali, Alexandria
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919; 1949 ..... Cairo
Miss Helen J. Noordewier, 1921 ..... Beni Suef
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924 ..... Tanta
Miss Frances M. Patton, 1922 ..... Mansura
Mrs. Rachel T. Selver, 1925 ..... Fayoum
Miss Inez M. Sutton, 1949 ..... Luxor
Miss Marie F. Tait, 1925; 1948 ..... Assiut
Miss Mary L. Thompson, 1917 ..... Assiut
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930 ..... Assiut
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919 ..... Alexandria
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Miss Aleta J. Matthews, 1946 ..... Khartoum North
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## MOUNTAIN AND PRESBYTERIAL MISSIONS

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girls before they went to bed. I have enjoyed my work with these churches.

This is in addition to my regular work of survey and visitation during which I contacted 6,599 families. We hope there may be those who will come into our churches and through their guidance find the way of eternal life. *Jean Dickey*

**Slovan Mission**

I believe that if the year 1952 was a year of discouragement, the year 1953 was one of answered prayer and rich blessings from the Lord.

Many things have gladdened our hearts and made the work a pleasure. There were our three series of evangelistic meetings when some lives were changed, burdens were rolled away and members gave their testimony to those outside the mission and found a joy in telling the story to others.

We have been thankful for the return of several who grew up in the mission only to disappear when they reached the teen age. We are glad to have them return while they are still teen-agers. We are also glad to welcome home a Christian family that has lived in Ohio for several years and to have them worship with us.

We had a lovely Christmas season and were remembered by many with gifts of books, toys, socks, hankies, dolls, flashlights, clothing and canned goods; also money for treat and future preaching services. We also thank those who sent second-hand clothing. Our need is not as great as it was at one time, but still have a few families who are very poor.

We thank God for the blessings of the past year and realize more fully that "it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

*Mrs. R. G. Russell*

**Chicago Presbytery**

During the year 1953 six churches were served in some manner. The time in each ranged from two weeks for two of them to five months for one. The work varied as the needs of each church.

Visitation is by far the most important part of the work. It is also the most challenging to the worker. Whether the call has been on a prospect or just one of many in a survey, the need for guidance is always felt. Who knows when or where the seed sown will fall in fertile soil and produce fruit.

The other activities include youth work, children's work, women's work, speaking, and Sunday School administration and teaching. Not all of these were done in each church.

For the Presbytery as a whole there has been work also. It was a privilege and a joy to help in the summer camp for young people. Also, as Secretary of Children's Work for the Presbytery, much has been learned of the needs and the meeting of these needs of the children.

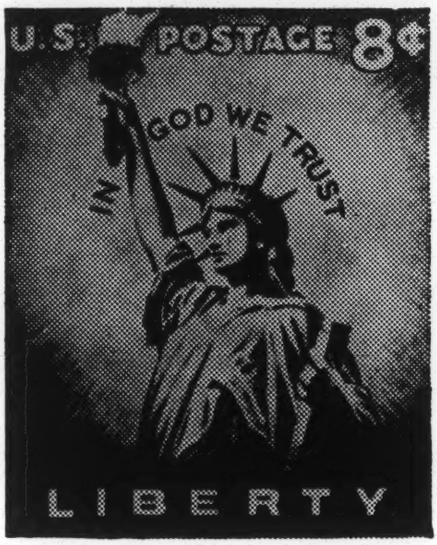
What are the results? It is hard to put the answer on paper. New names have been added to the rolls of the Sunday Schools and the churches. Perhaps new enthusiasm and vision have entered hearts. God alone knows the real results. It is with confidence that we trust in Him to honor our work as we have tried to honor His Name. *Esther M. Jones*

*Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch,*
Mountain and Presbyterial Secretary

## "IN GOD WE TRUST"
## THE MESSAGE OF OUR NEWEST STAMP

The most impressive ceremony of its kind in the history of the United States Post Office Department set the stage Thursday noon, April 8, for the introduction of the Nation's first regular stamp bearing a religious significance.

At the request of thousands of persons who have urged the Post Office Department to issue a regular stamp with a religious sentiment, the new 8-cent Statue of Liberty stamp carries the inscription of "In God We Trust" arched over the symbolic torchbearer which stands at the entrance of New York Harbor on Bedloe's Island.




Under this symbol of freedom that thrills returning citizens and visitors to the United States is the word "Liberty." The red, white and blue stamp will be the first in a series of ordinary stamps that will eventually replace the series established in 1938.

"The symbolism of God and Country in this .75 by .87 inch stamp," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said, "marks the first time that a religious tone has been incorporated into a regular or ordinary stamp, as distinguished from a commemorative stamp which is discontinued after the initial printing order.

"The Statue of Liberty, so prominently displayed on this stamp, is a beacon of opportunity and hope today, just as it has always been to oppressed peoples. It is also the proud and welcome symbol of home to every American returning to his native land.

"The inscription 'In God We Trust' sums up the religious faith that has always been and is today the bulwark of this Nation—and its greatest source of strength.

"This stamp rededicates our faith in the spiritual foundations upon which our Government and our Nation rests and without which no Government or Nation could endure.

"Since this new stamp will be used primarily for the first ounce of regular international mail," Mr. Summerfield noted, "it is 'a postal ambassador' which will go abroad at the rate of about 200 million or more stamps a year."

The stamp was introduced to a nationwide television and radio audience during a 15-minute program in which President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Postmaster General Summerfield participated with the leaders of the Nation's three largest religious groups.

Although the Statue of Liberty stamp is red, white and blue, it is actually a bicolored stamp, since blue and red have been added to the white. It is the first regular bicolored stamp that the Post Office Department has ever issued in any denomination under $1.

The statue itself is printed in red, with a white halo for the head surrounded by a rich blue background which forms the frame that defines the outline of the stamp. "U. S. Postage" and the denomination "8¢" appears across the top in white-face gothic type and underneath in red gothic, forming an arch over the head of the woman bearer, is the motto, "In God We Trust." Displayed boldly across the bottom in white-face gothic is the word, "Liberty."—*Information Service, U.S. Post Office Department.*